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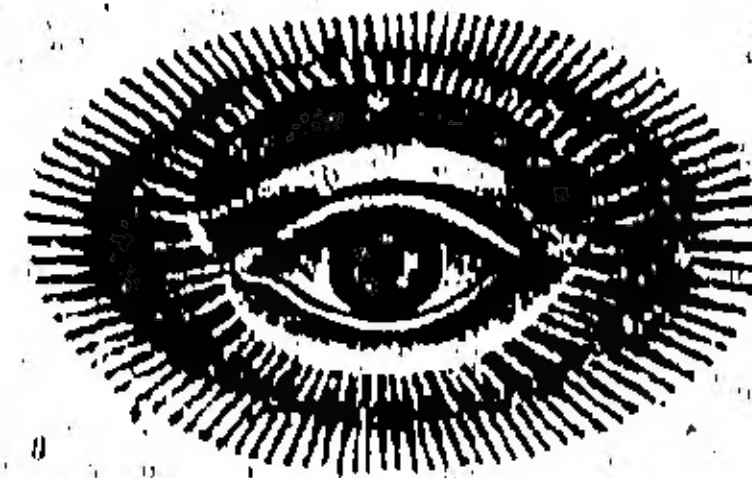
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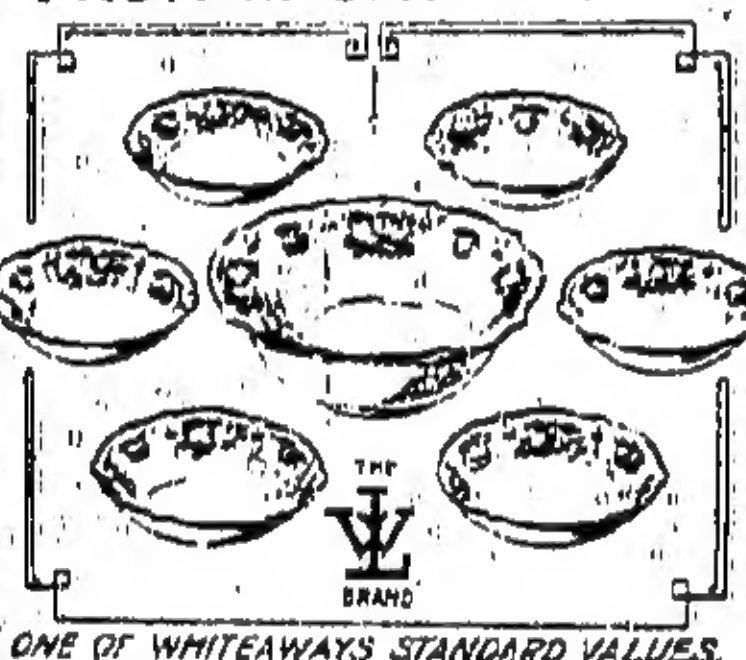
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TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Moral Effect of Hankow Naval Landing

BRITISH SUBJECTS' SAFETY.

Important Statements by Foreign Secretary.

RUSSIA'S MISCHIEF MAKING.

British Government and The Terms of The Trade Agreement.

Important statements were made in the House of Commons yesterday by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs when answering numerous questions about the trouble in China.

Mischief by Russia.

London, Dec. 1.

China bulked very largely in questions in the House of Commons to-day, and even crept into the supplementary questions.

Arising out of Sir William Davison's enquiry why His Majesty's Government still adhered to the Russo-British trade agree-

NAVAL FORCES.

Possible Increase Being
Considered.

THE STRENGTH TO-DAY.

London, Dec. 1.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty said that the strength of the British China Squadron was as follows:—

- Cruisers 5
- Sloops 4
- River Gunboats 15
- Submarines 12
- Submarine depot ships 2
- Submarine tender 1
- Despatch vessel 1
- Armed launches 3

The following reinforcements were added thereto last October: One aircraft carrier and a third destroyer flotilla, comprising one flotilla leader and eight destroyers. The Government considered these forces at present sufficient, but was considering the possibility of having to increase them.—Reuter.

ment in view of the activity of Soviet propaganda, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Sir Austen Chamberlain, replied that His Majesty's Government was not unmindful of the terms of the trade agreement and if they did not exercise the right of denunciation it was because they did not think it expedient.

Sir William Davison asserted that the Foreign Office's failure to insist on observance of the propaganda obligations in the agreement was largely responsible for the damage to British trade in China, owing to Bolshevik intrigue.

Sir Austen Chamberlain regretted that he and Sir William Davison differed on this matter.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that at the moment there was no reason for apprehension of personal danger to British subjects in the treaty ports with the possible exception of Hankow.

As regards British subjects in isolated places in the interior they were not threatened by any general danger of anti-foreign outbreaks, although in individual cases dangers were bound to occur from brigands.

Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the British diplomatic and consular officers were in constant touch with a view to obtaining protection for British subjects.

The position in Sian-fu was obscure and the Minister at Peking had been asked for news.

Canton Armies.

A Labour supplementary question asked whether the Cantonese soldiers were not more in hand and better disciplined than the remainder of the Chinese troops. The question was drowned in laughter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/10 15/16

Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was reluctant to express an opinion on the relative humanity of the different Chinese armies, but it certainly should not be assumed that the Cantonese forces were not so good as any other.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said His Majesty's Government desired that the British representatives in those parts of China under the control of the Cantonese authorities should deal with those authorities as far as possible in a friendly spirit, and the Consul General at Hankow had been given instructions accordingly.—Reuter.

General Strike.

Rugby, Dec. 1.

A statement on the situation at Hankow was made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir Austen Chamberlain. He said the situation remained generally as he had described it last Monday.

A demonstration took place in Hankow on that day. Naval parties were landed in the British Concession with a satisfactory moral effect. Processions were turned away from the Concession and there were no incidents.

Latest reports were to the effect that the general strike was fixed for December 4. Arrangements had been made to keep a British sloop at Hankow for the winter and some additional British force was being made available for landing if required. River gunboats had been sent to move on the river to and from Hankow as required during the winter.

The United States naval authorities had sent two destroyers to Hankow for the winter. They had also a yacht and a mine sweeper there. The Japanese had three gunboats, and the French had a minesweeper and a gunboat.

Our Prime Duty.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked if he could assure the House that adequate steps were being taken to ensure the lives and interests of British subjects.

He replied that the Government would take all the steps they could employ. The Government were most loth to intervene in the domestic affairs of China apart from the necessity of fulfilling their prime duty of defending the lives of British subjects.

Replying to other questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain added that the Powers would undoubtedly, as on former occasions, act in concert at Hankow where their joint interests were concerned. There was not the least reason to suppose that the shipping facilities at Hankow would not be adequate for the evacuation of British residents if this became necessary.

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UNTRUE REPORTS.

STRIKERS' CHAIRMAN NOT
ARRESTED.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Canton, Dec. 1.

The reports printed in the Hong Kong papers stating that Hsu Chien, the Nationalist Government Minister of Justice, has been arrested while en route to Rupeh with the Government Mission, is officially denied here and branded as a pure fabrication. Further reports stating that So Shiu-ching, Chairman of the Strike Committee, has been arrested here is similarly denied and branded.—Canton Information Bureau.

£11,000,000 FOR CHINA

British Boxer Indemnity
Money.

HOW IT IS TO BE SPENT.

Advisory Committee's Report.
Published.

Rugby, Dec. 1.

Methods whereby the whole of Britain's share in the Boxer Indemnity is to be devoted to the welfare of the Chinese are detailed in a document now issued.

The papers include the report of the delegation, with the British and Chinese members which toured China this year under the chairmanship of Lord Willingdon. The indemnity fund amounts to £11,000,000.

The delegation's main proposal, endorsed by the advisory committee and Foreign Secretary, is that the control and administration of the fund should be invested in boards of trustees established in China, consisting of six Chinese and five



Lord Willingdon, new Governor General of Canada, who was head of the Boxer Indemnity Commission.

British, including at least one woman, all to be appointed in the first instance by the Chinese Government in agreement with the British Government.

The proportion of Chinese to British shall be maintained until 1945, when the Chinese members may be appointed in place of any or all the British members.

It is proposed that £250,000 be expended every year on agricultural education and improvement of scientific research, medicine and public health, and other educational purposes.

The committee also recommends an arrangement whereby a sum not exceeding £5,200,000 and not less than £3,500,000 during 1927-31 should be available for investment in railway construction in China.

The proceeds from investment to be devoted to maintaining in perpetuity after complete amortisation of the China indemnity in 1945 the educational and other work which it is proposed to assist.

The delegates report a cordial reception everywhere they went in China, and mention that at Taku the contending forces temporarily suspended the war to let them continue their journey.—British Wireless Service.

Money To Be Used At Once.

London, Dec. 1.

Issued in the form of a voluminous Blue Book, the report of the China Indemnity Advisory Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Willingdon delegation, comprising notably the formation of a board of trustees of six Chinese and five British members, including at least one woman, while the Chinese and British Governments are each entitled to appoint an observer to attend board meetings.

For the guidance of this board, the committee advises that the percentage of the available funds, estimated at £350,000 annually, be allocated as follows:

Agricultural education 30 per cent., scientific research 23, education in medicine and public health and grants to hospitals 17, other purposes 30.

It is recommended that arrangements be made to raise between £3,500,000 and £5,200,000 during the years 1927 to 1931, for investment in constructive work beneficial to the Chinese people, preferably railway construction, like the completion of the Hankow-Canton railway, otherwise conservancy

CHINA'S LAWS.

EXTRALITY COMMISSION'S REPORT.

Torture of Prisoners.

PEOPLE EXECUTED WITHOUT LEGAL SANCTION.

The confusion existing in China's legal system is severely criticised in the report of the Extra-Territoriality Commission which has now been published in full.

Mixed Court Illegal!

London, Dec. 1.

The report of the Extra-Territoriality Commission is divided into four parts, the first three of which are mainly a historical survey, with tables of statistics, and a detailed analysis of existing methods of justice.

Part I states the original authority for the existing practice of extrajudicial, chiefly the Mixed Court in the International Settlement at Shanghai, and remarks that since the foreign and Chinese authorities are at present negotiating as regards this court, the Commission has deemed it necessary to enter into all the details of the present organisation and procedure, but draws attention to the fact that the court as at present constituted has been functioning without treaty rights since 1911.

Existing Anomalies.

The Commission's observations at the end of Part I relate to the legal anomalies arising out of the multiplicity of courts and the diversity of laws, and mention inter alia the conflict of laws relating to the nationality of persons of Chinese origin, the irregular protection of Chinese, and the absence of extradition arrangements facilitating the evasion of justice.

The report expresses the opinion that the last-named situation could exist to a certain extent without extrajudicial, but under that system inequities become more apparent.

The report says that the Chinese Commissioner submitted two memoranda, one of which related to special areas which the Commission held the opinion did not come within the scope of their investigations; consequently the memoranda had been transmitted to the Governments concerned for consideration.

Police Law Criticised.

Part II of the report dealing with the Chinese laws, and judicial and prison system, criticises the police offences law, which exposes every resident to detention for trifling offences.

FOOCHOW POSITION.

AN URGENT CALL FOR U.S.
DESTROYER.

HANKOW TENSION EASES.

Shanghai, Dec. 2.

The American destroyer "Hart" has gone to Foochow on an urgent call.

That the trouble at Foochow has become acute seems evident from the fact that a Hong Kong firm has received a cable from business connections there asking for a shipment to be deferred owing to the fighting.

Hankow Position Easier.

Peking, Dec. 1.

The tension at Hankow has eased somewhat, according to latest despatch, and the recent strikes in the packing plants have been settled.—Reuter.

Wu Not to Quit.

Peking, Dec. 2.

Wu Pei-fu's agents here deny the "Yi Shi Pao" report published yesterday evening.—Reuter.

The "Yi Shi Pao" reported that Wu Pei-fu on Nov. 28 sent out a telegram admitting his inability to recapture the Wuhan cities, owing to disunity amongst his subordinates, and announcing his intention to retire from public life.

The report emphatically applauds the Willingdon delegation's rejection of the suggestion that the money should be allowed to accumulate pending the re-establishment of more stable conditions.

The report assumes as regards the morphia law that the new penal code, when enacted, will adjust the provisions of the law of 1920 with the provisions of the second revised draft of the penal code relating to narcotics.

The report expresses the opinion that judicial precedents have not yet developed to such a degree as to guide judges in the exercise of discretion concerning the relevancy, admissibility and materiality of evidence in criminal procedure.

The report says that the judicial and police regulations by permitting the police to exercise powers of investigation co-extensive with those of the procurator entail delays, particularly because no prescription exists limiting the period in which officials exercise rights of investigation before handing over the case to the procurator.

Conflicting Regulations.

The report declares that undoubtedly the decisions and opinions of the Supreme Court will serve as a useful source of civil law, but definite provision is needed to ensure general recognition of all the decisions of the Supreme Court by the lower courts.

Concerning civil law, the report mentions the provisional restoration of procedure relating to the detention of civil defendants in Peking and points out that the Ministry of Justice promulgated supplementary rules contrary to the spirit of the regular civil regulations promulgated by the President.

The report expresses the opinion that the existing rules in China do not provide sufficient safeguards against bad faith on the part of a plaintiff, while the rights of third parties are insufficiently guaranteed against erroneous assertions of a creditor concerning property allegedly belonging to his debtor.

Martial Law Menace.

The report draws attention to the lack of provisions securing notarial proof of non-enforcement of the regulations relating to the cadastral survey of land in the absence of unified commercial status.

The report says that declarations purporting to be martial law are made with such frequency that the administration of the law is hampered. "This practice gravely menaces the proper administration of civil law."

Nevertheless the report appreciates the efforts to evolve a judicial system of draft laws intended to carry out the ambition of China as expressed in the treaties of 1902 and 1903, but says that the assimilation of new principles has not kept pace with legislation. Hence anomalies have arisen in the shape of ancient laws continuing to be enforced side by side with new laws.

Illegal Executions.

Part III of the report, dealing with the administration of justice, emphasises the harmful effects of military interference with the civil administration and enumerates cases of callousness while the Commission was sitting in Peking in which people were executed in complete disregard of the principles of justice.

The report mentions the occurrence of torture of prisoners and illegal methods of execution, and upholds the modern courts, including the five special courts in the zone of the Eastern Railway as being the most satisfactory courts in China.

Finally, the report refers to complaints of delays and difficulty in securing the execution of judgments and the illegal entry of private premises.

The report says that practically all the complaints of foreigners arise out of cases tried in the district magistrates' courts where conditions are unfavourable to satisfactory trials.—Reuter.

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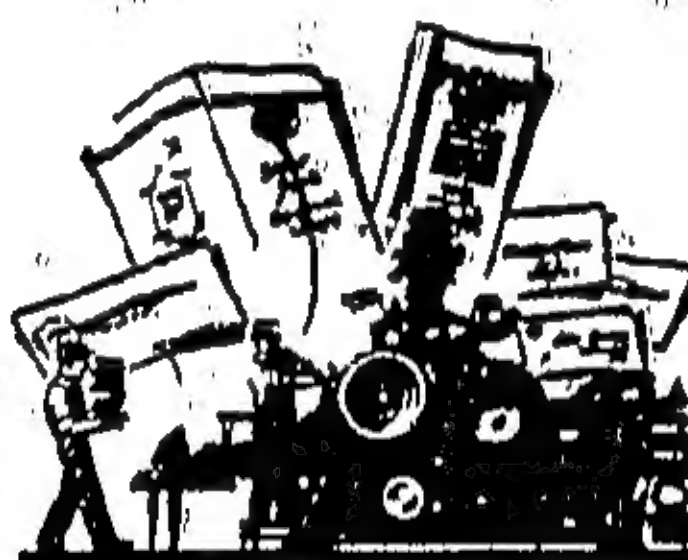
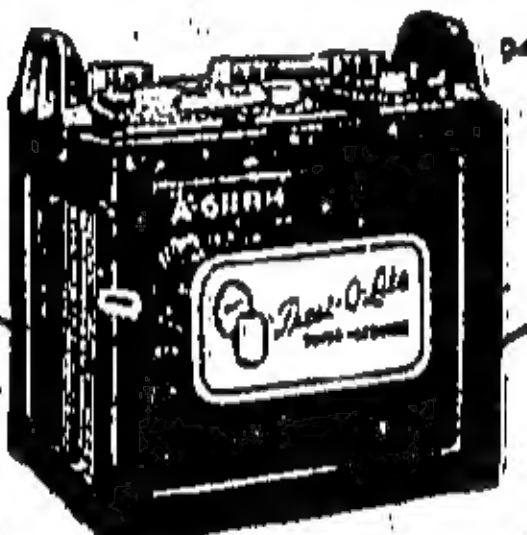
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WAR NEWS.

**MARSHAL SUN A VIRTUAL
PRISONER.**

Information from Tientsin indicates that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, former military overlord of five lower Yangtze provinces until the Cantonese started their drive against the north, is said to be virtually a prisoner at Tientsin, where the Northern war-lords are deliberating on measures to be taken against the Cantonese in Central China.

Marshal Sun was to have returned to Nanking on Nov. 21, after obtaining Fengtien assistance, but he has been absent from the provincial capital nearly a week.

It is believed that his visit to Tientsin, had consequences for him which he did not anticipate when he left Nanking on Nov. 18 by special train. Reports differ as to the precise purpose of his visit and conference with the Fengtien leaders, Marshal Chang Tso-lin and Marshal Chang Chung-chang, but it is generally accepted that, although Marshal Chang Chung-chang, the Tsupan of Shantung, long coveted Kiangsu and Shanghai and threatened to come down, Marshal Sun went to Tientsin to obtain assistance even at the cost of losing much of his territory.

Unable to Leave.
Marshal Sun is not, of course, shut up in Tientsin. He moves around freely and is continuing his conferences with the other war-lords, but it is recognised that he is unable to leave the city. He is not expected to be permitted to leave until Marshal Chang has sent his force southwards and occupied Nanking, Shanghai and other places mentioned in the decisions at the conference.

The movement of Sun's troops into Chekiang province continues. It is reported that Chinkiang, one of Sun's bases, is now clear of troops, although the 10th Division, which succeeded in extricating itself from the Kiangsi debacle, has reached Yangchow, across the river, north of Nanking. Marshal Sun appears to be disposing his forces along the Chekiang border to avert any attack on Chekiang from Kiangsi. Chuchow is Sun's chief point of concentration as it commands the passes leading into the province, and also has a strategic bearing upon any adverse situation in Fokien, where the Cantonese have ousted Sun's ally and driven him half-way across the province.

Sun's Army Reduced.

While it is considered that the expeditionary force proposed by the Shantung Governor should deliver a check to the Cantonese advance, provided it moves quickly enough and is up to the strength announced by the northern war-lords, Marshal Sun's available forces are very small. In the fighting in Kiangsu he suffered big losses, especially in the Nanchang fighting, which was more severe than was reported and took fearful toll. Estimates place the total casualties on both sides as high as 20,000 or 30,000 men. Hankow reports put the figure as high as 40,000, but this is believed an exaggeration.

Nevertheless, Marshal Sun's army was severely reduced in number. Among his losses were one whole division of men, 10,000 strong, who were either killed, wounded, captured, or so completely disintegrated as to be ignored as a military unit. This division was formerly commanded by General Hsia Hung-shun, whose funeral took place in Shanghai last Sunday.

Crediting Marshal Sun with an army of 55,000 men—these his own forces, not including the forces of other provinces allied under him—estimates show that he has not more than about 25,000 men left. Various other generals with him have their own forces, some of them intact, but Sun's army is a shadow of his former strength. That is why he went to Tientsin to solicit aid from the Northerners to stem the tide of the Cantonese advance—"Shanghai Times."

Alleged Loan Offer.

Peking, Nov. 23.
The most difficult question which the Fengtien Armies are now confronted, following their loss in trying to induce the Peking-Chihli forces to the south, is how to raise military funds. It is reported in Chinese circles here that certain well known foreign concerns in China have proposed to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to advance him \$5,000,000 on sound security if Sun engages in the campaign against the "Reds" in concert with Marshal Chang Tso-lin. It is further reported that in this respect Marshal Chang Tso-lin is trying to induce the Peking Government to sign the contract for the loan, while Dr. Wellington Koo, Acting Premier, is declining

to do so on the ground that he is unable to hold himself responsible for raising military funds, but that the matter may be settled either way at the Tientsin Conference.
Dr. Koo, who had an interview with Marshal Chang Tso-lin in Tientsin, returned here at 8.30 to-night, together with Admiral Tu Hsi-kuei, Minister of the Navy, Mr. Hsia Jen-hu, vice-Minister of Finance, and Mr. Pan Fu, Minister of Finance.
It is more than likely that Dr. Koo's Cabinet will remain in office for the time being on Marshal Chang Tso-lin's advice, and that the Cabinet will either be reorganised or have its vacancies filled.—"Toho."

Oppose A Loan.

Shanghai, Nov. 24.
The Association of the Three Provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei despatched telegrams yesterday to the British Minister in Peking and the British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong lodging a strong protest against the reported \$5,000,000 loan to be made to the Peking Government with Dr. Wellington Koo signing the contract.
The contents of the telegram are briefly:—
"As this Association is established by and for the people of the three south-eastern provinces, we wish to say on their behalf that we are strongly opposed to the reported loan of \$5,000,000 to be lent by the British Government to Peking. We want to make it clear that the people of the three provinces will not give any recognition to whatever security may be offered for the loan in question. As the larger portion of British business is carried in Southern China, we earnestly hope that you will stop negotiating with the Waichiaopu in Peking on the matter in question."—"Kuo Wen."

Appeal to Mukden.

Shanghai, Nov. 24.
The Pan-Chekiang Association has addressed a telegram to Marshal Chang Tso-lin requesting him to keep the Fengtien troops from coming down.—"Kuo Wen."

Koo Interviews Chang.

Peking, Nov. 24.
Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, acting Premier and Foreign Minister, went to Tientsin by automobile on November 22. Immediately upon his arrival at Tientsin, he was taken to Tsai Yuan Garden by General Chang Haueh-liang to interview Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

It is learned that inasmuch as Dr. Koo has recently been making close association with Generals Han Lin-tsung and Chang Haueh-liang, the attitude of the Mukden Party towards the former has been very friendly. Whether there will be any change in the present Cabinet after the arrival of Yang Yu-ting is, however, unknown.—"Kuo Wen."

Arranges for Reinforcements.

Peking, Nov. 23.
General Chu Yu-puh, Tsupan of Chihli, arrived in the capital

last night. He proceeded to Pao-tung to-day at noon in order to arrange for troops to be despatched to the south.

Nov. 24.
Mr. Pan Fu officially assumed his post as the Minister of Finance this afternoon at 3 p.m.—"Kuo Wen."

Russians for Pukow.

Tientsin, Nov. 23.
Marshal Chang Tso-lin sent a special delegate to Peking to persuade Marshal Wang Shi-tung to be the Generalissimo of the republic. Nevertheless, Marshal Wang refused to accept.

About 20,000 men under the Command of General Hsu Kun are at present concentrating at Hungchwan, ready to proceed to the south. Marshal Chang Chung-chang expects to take personal command of the Russian cavalry to be despatched immediately to Pukow.—"Kuo Wen."

Peking, Nov. 24.

Dr. Wellington Koo has returned here from Tientsin. He is apparently more optimistic over the Cabinet situation as Marshal Chang Tso-lin has revealed to him that the Mukden Party will for the present adopt a policy of non-interference.

Leading Kiangsu gentry in the capital have requested the elders in Peking to induce the Mukden authority not to despatch troops to the south in order to save the people from further suffering.—"Kuo Wen."

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Kowloon will welcome this, after its first run at the World Theatre.
From twenty to eighty years are the ages the principals had to emulate for the screen. It was done in five of the most remarkable pieces of makeup in screen history, May McAvoy, Pat O'Malley, Joan Marsholt and Edgar Kennedy made up for five different ages during the course of the story, which is the tale of a lifetime of two lovers. Cullen Landis plays their son and several hundred people take part in big spectacles that embellish the romance.

At the wedding at St. George's Church, Penang, of Mr. Charles Loftus Blundell, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Penang, and Miss Ethel Mary Deacon, head mistress of the Penang Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, the bride was given away by Mr. J. Symes and was attended by Misses Betty Pech and Moira Symes as bridesmaids.



A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

AS A GIFT OR REFERENCE.

Either as a future reference or for sending away to friends abroad to acquaint them with the facts about China and Hong Kong, this week's number of the "Overland China Mail" will prove extremely useful.

Firstly there is the fully cabled report of the Extrality Commission's findings—a document of momentous importance to the world. Instead of having to ask for information later on, every foreigner should have a copy on hand.

ANTI-FOREIGN TROUBLE AT HANKOW.

Similar in many respects to the wave of anti-foreign agitation at Canton, is the trouble that has broken out at Hankow. Each stage is carefully recorded this week, together with footnotes and explanations for non-Chinese.

THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

That the piracy problem is engaging the best attention is evident from the appointment of the "Sunning" commission, the "Gazette" announcement of which is reproduced in the weekly. In this issue will also be found the latest news about the raiding of an outlaw stronghold by military forces and the report of the first hearing against the "Sunning" suspects.

ALL THE LOCAL NEWS.

Other items of note in this week's "Overland" include:—visit of the new British Minister to China; anomalies arising from Canton's taxes; St. Andrew's Day and Ball report in full; newsletters from regular correspondents; special articles; topical cartoons; social notes, &c.

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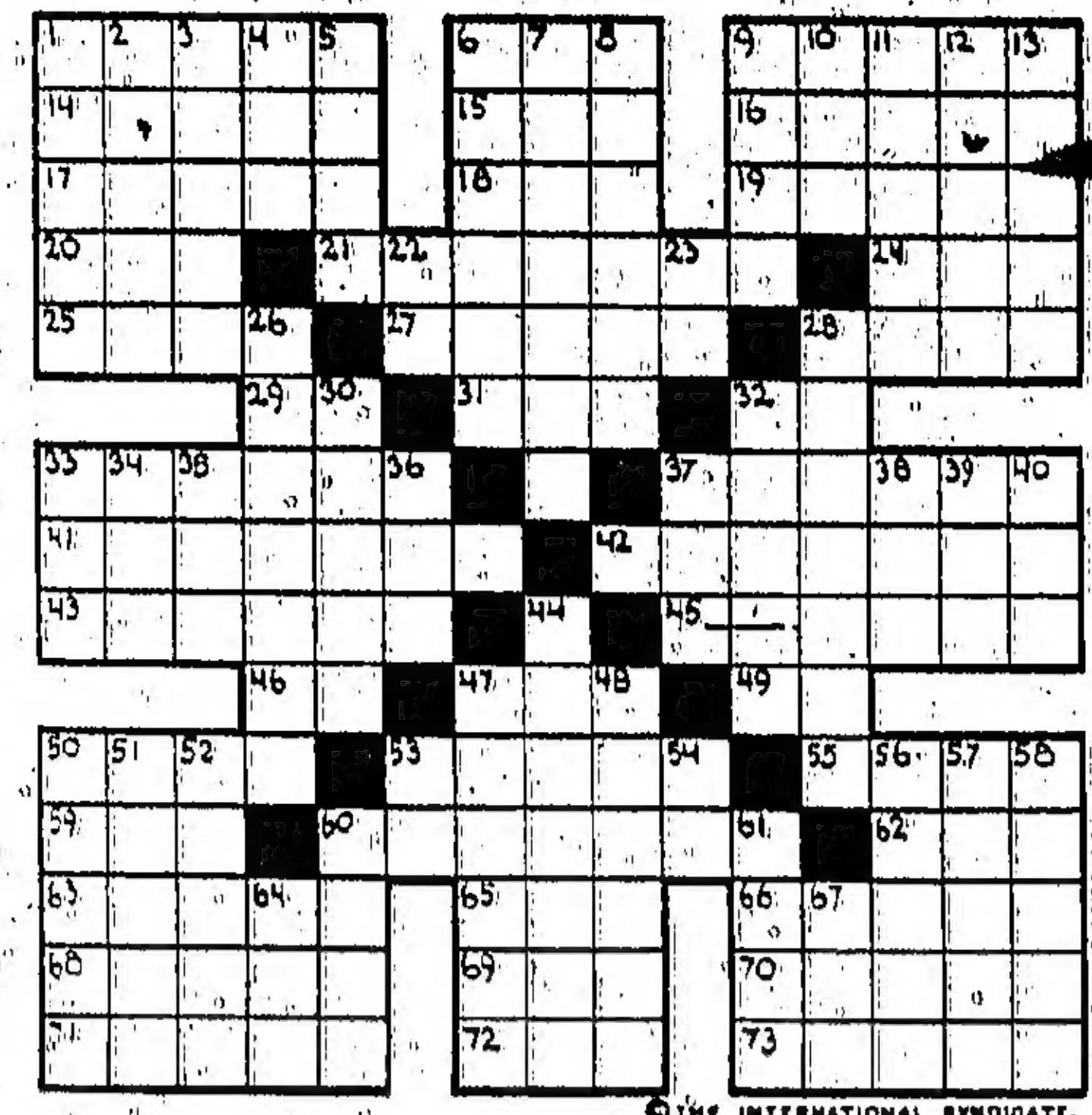
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1—Wear away
5—Check
9—Cheer up
14—Swift
15—Girl's name
16—French city
17—Mature
18—Organ of head
19—Mental images
20—High legislative body of U. S. (abbr.)
21—Charlatan
24—Part of opera "to be"
26—Paradise
27—Apparition
28—Tide
29—From
30—Kind of tree
32—on State of U. S. (abbr.)
33—Vital
37—old again
41—Curses
42—Summation to a will
43—Reel
46—M
47—M
49—L | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
50—Part of a ship
52—Closed car
53—Head covering (pl.)
55—Follow after
56—Make sweet
58—Lighted
59—Old womanish
60—Blind
61—Report
62—Keensake
63—Eagle
70—Pannies
71—Slumbered
72—Rodeo
73—Sooth
VERTICAL
1—Rub out
2—Raved
3—Think
4—Camer
5—Rim
6—Profoundly
7—Profited
8—Part of certain bones
9—Kind of poem
10—Boy
11—Containing to open spaces
12—Headless
13—Many a hurling city of Germany | VERTICAL (Cont.)
22—A parent
23—Pronoun
24—More clamorous
25—Most snug
26—A broad leaf
27—Plural of medium
33—Sin
34—Formerly
35—Head covering
36—Termination
37—Unit of length
38—Perform
39—Untruth
40—Old times (poet.)
41—Kind of wine
42—Sorrow
43—Apparition
44—Heavenly body (pl.)
45—Part of a door
46—Active
48—Point of compass (abbr.)
49—Crown of States (abbr.)
50—Unpleasant
51—Chop fine
52—D-nest
53—Religious order
54—Short form of
55—Part of face
57—Hill a cc |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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31 Sets of Fancy Handkerchiefs.
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Hong Kong, 1st Dec., 1926.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1926:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	30'10" B. 50" B.	
Tytam Byewash	25'5" B. 53" B.	
Tytam Intermediate	11" A. Level	
Tytam Tuk	61'1" B. 06" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	14'4" B. 11'5" B.	
Pokfulum	18'4" B. 54" B.	

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow".)

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	174.53	389.12
Tytam Byewash	35	11.75
Tytam Intermediate	202.95	195.99
Tytam Tuk	1,352.1	405.08
Wong Nei Chung	14.38	17.15
Pokfulum	37.32	54.83

Total 1,880.59 2,024.23

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	265.50	258.89
Estimated Population	805,580	405,900
per day (gallons)	21.0	26.6

Full Supply in all Hill Districts during October 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	5'10" B. 01" B.	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	81" B. Level	

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	204.48	851.68
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	38.48	100.80

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.64
Estimated population	152,200	137,000
per day (gallons)	15.8	14.1


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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
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TAKOMA MARU Tuesday, 7th December.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Saturday, 25th December.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOHMO MARU End of December.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan.
ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.
HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Friday, 10th December.
MENADO MARU Friday, 24th December.
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HAMBURG MARU (From Kobe) Wednesday, 15th December.
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SEATTLE MARU Friday, 24th December.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

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INSURANCE IN OPEN MARKET?
RUMOUR EXCITES LLOYD'S.
London, Dec. 1.
Excitement has been caused at Lloyd's by the persistent rumour that the P. & O. S. N. Company are shortly insuring their vessels in the open market.
It is understood that the Company arranged with the Royal Exchange Assurance Company for this purpose.
The secret of the negotiations, which have been proceeding for some time, has been so well kept that prominent underwriters at Lloyd's had no precise information of the transaction. The deal is very important, as probably the vessels to be insured include the P. & O. the Federal, the British India, the New Zealand and the Union of New Zealand.
The P. & O. hitherto has insured its vessels by a fund created for that purpose.—Reuter.

OPIUM ARREST.
EUROPEAN SEAMEN IN TROUBLE.
\$3,000 FINE OR 8 MONTHS' JAIL.
Evangelos Stavris, 24, born in Cyprus of Greek parentage, a seaman employed on the s.s. "Oak-bridge," was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with being in possession of 80 taels of raw Persian opium.
Mr. A. Gunning, of the Imports and Exports Department, prosecuted.
Defendant, in reply to the Magistrate, said that he was a British subject and that he understood English. He desired to plead "guilty."
Mr. Gunning informed his Worship that the defendant went ashore in Shanghai where he was accosted by a man in the street. According to his statement, the man in Shanghai had informed him that he could increase his wages by taking this opium to Hong Kong. During the voyage to Hong Kong it apparently leaked out that he had the drug in his cabin and the Captain searched his cabin, forced open his locker and found two packets hidden inside a pair of boxing gloves and the remainder in defendant's overcoat pockets.
Ran Away from Ship.
On arrival in port, defendant ran away from the ship. The Captain came ashore and reported the matter to the Imports and Exports office and the man was subsequently arrested. When charged he said that he did not realise the seriousness of the matter.
His Worship: As you have pleaded "guilty" there is nothing more to be said. You are fined \$3,000 or eight months' hard labour. The opium is confiscated.

SHIPS IN PORT.
At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—
British 32
American 2
German 2
Panama 1
Japanese 7
Chinese 16
Dutch 6
Portuguese 3
Norwegian 4
Swedish 1
Total 74
Dec. 1—arrivals 13, departures 14.
HARBOR OFFENCE.
For mooring his boat outside two other boats alongside the s.s. "Siberia Maru" on November 26, the master of motor-boat "Sun Kwong Loong" was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.
HUGE HARBOR LIGHT.
A powerful searchlight has been installed at the Yokohama Senpaku Shingo-Jo station at Yokohama harbour, located on the Pluff. The light is 18,000 candlepower and has lens 43 centimetres in diameter. The light flashes four miles in daytime and 20 miles at night. The light is to be used as a means of signalling and also to light up the Yokohama harbour in the event of necessity, especially in the case of marine disasters. The Yokohama Senpaku Shingo-Jo is the only private institution ever given the privilege of installing such a large light.
On the incoming "Seistan" from Singapore yesterday, there was a case of suspected typhoid.
The beacon laid on November 15 by H.M.S. "Iroquois" 848 degrees 2.2 miles from Gap Rock lighthouse has been removed.


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WORLD'S SHIPS.
BUILDING DROPS 300,000 TONS.
Washington, Oct. 18.—Further declines in the volume of world shipbuilding are noted by the Department of Commerce in reports received from its representatives abroad, according to an announcement to-day. The total tonnage on the ways at present, according to the reports, amounts to only 1,850,000 gross tons of merchant vessels, which is a decline of more than 350,000 tons from the amount a year ago. The present figure, it is also noted, represents a decline of about 1,800,000 tons from the general pre-war level.
During the quarter ended September 30 the decline was a general one, the Netherlands being the only country for which the increase in tonnage building is reported. Work commenced in the United States during the third quarter of 1926 amounted to 119,723 tons, compared with 133,268 tons in the second quarter; in the United Kingdom, 774,797 tons, compared with 841,338 tons, and in all other countries, 966,177 tons, as against 996,081.

The sharp decline in the work of the shipyards of Great Britain and Ireland is accentuated by the fact that suspensions of work have been ordered on 107,493 gross tons of building contracted for, reducing the total of construction actually under way in those countries to 667,000 tons.
The reported expansion of shipbuilding in the Netherlands has caused some change in the relative ranking of the principal maritime countries. Great Britain and Ireland still led, with 774,797 tons followed by Italy, with 273,764 tons. The Netherlands, however, has advanced from fifth to third place, with 160,601 tons; France is fourth, with 134,985 tons; Germany fifth, with 127,321 tons; and the United States remains in sixth place, with 119,723 tons, only 8,000 tons less than Germany, compared with 15,000 tons less at the end of the preceding quarter.
FIRE IN JAPANESE SHIP.
Firemen were engaged for many hours on October 21, at a serious fire which broke out on the Japanese s.s. "Amazon Maru," a vessel of 7,000 tons, lying in the Victoria Docks, London, and laden with a thousand barrels of sardine oil, large quantities of soya beans, and ground nuts and foodstuffs. With all their available resources, and aided by the dock floats, the firemen fought the flames vigorously, but they were handicapped by the great heat, the powerful fumes, and dense smoke. Fed by the burning oil, the flames spread to a serious extent, and the fire was not under control until the afternoon. The vessel, which was built seven years ago, arrived from Yokohama; and is owned by the Osaka Shosen Kaishiki Kaisha, port-of-registry being Osaka. The total loss has not yet been ascertained, but it will amount to many thousands of pounds.

CANADIAN PACIFIC
QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC TO VICTORIA & VANCOUVER.
SAILINGS 1927.
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EMPRESS OF ASIA Jan. 8 Jan. 8 Jan. 11 Jan. 14 Jan. 19
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NYANZA	7,023	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & E'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	8,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & E'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
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DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,097	24th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & E'bay
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TANDA	8,056	4th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Australia
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Australia
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne
TANDA	8,056	4th March	Melbourne
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	
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ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama

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The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has made special awards for the gallantry shown in rescuing the crew of the fishing boat "Avenmore," off Cape Clear, which struck the Splough Rock, off Rosslare, County Wexford, on the morning of September 2. A strong northerly wind was blowing, and the sea was rough. The fishing boat was seen by Commander J. Linklater, owner of the yacht "Theodora," of Poole, lying in Rosslare Harbour, with the result that a boat was manned with two of the crew of his yacht, five men from the steamer, "St. Patrick," of the Great Western Railway Company, and four of the Rosslare Pier officials, men, with Mr. W. J. Moncas acting as coxswain. The seven men of the "Avenmore" were rescued, and the boat tried to make Rosslare Harbour again. Owing to the strong wind and rough sea she found this almost impossible; but the Wexford motor lifeboat, which had been informed of the wreck, arrived on the scene, took the nineteen men from the boat on board, and towing the boat, brought them safely into harbour. "Later, as there seemed a chance of the 'Avenmore' coming off the rock, the lifeboat took out her crew again, put them on board their vessel, which was rolling heavily, and succeeded in towing her off. The Institution has presented Commander Linklater with an anemoid barometer and Mr. Moncas with a pair of binoculars, both inscribed, and has given monetary awards to the men of the "Theodora," the "St. Patrick" and Rosslare Pier.

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"The Motor Ship" states that the "Silverash," which ran her trials towards the end of October, is one of the most interesting cargo vessels that has been completed for a long time past. She is the first of the six cargo ships building to the order of the Silver Line to maintain a regular trade between New York and Far Eastern ports.

A few particulars of the ship and the engine-room layout may be of value, it remarks, for the "Silverash" is the highest-powered single-screw motor ship afloat, and is equipped with the biggest Duxford engine yet manufactured. Moreover, this motor has a higher specific cylinder output than any oil engine that has yet been constructed for marine purposes, its normal rating being 5,000 h.p. per cylinder, although this can be increased to a total output of 6,000 h.p. (5,500 b.h.p.), or about 1,357 h.p. per cylinder.

The following are the leading particulars of the "Silverash":—Length, 425 ft., beam, 58 ft. 3 ins., draught, 25 ft. 6 ins.; dead-weight capacity, about 9,000 tons. She will maintain at least 13 knots in service fully laden, and is designed for a maximum speed of about 14 1/2 knots.

DAMAGED CRAFT.

REPAIRED BY SHIPS CREW.

An interesting story of how a badly damaged steamer was repaired by her own staff has been divulged by the arrival in Glasgow of the "Clan Macnaughton." The vessel was forced aground by currents, but divers were sent down and after an overhaul she was enabled to proceed to Melbourne. Examination at that port showed that the whole lower portion of the stern frame was broken off, the aftermost keel plate was pierced, and several plates on the starboard side were also badly dented.

The owners wished to have the vessel temporarily repaired only, but the labour unions at Melbourne emphatically stated that they would only allow full repairs to be carried out.

After considerable controversy the engineers on board finally determined to do the work themselves, and the chief engineer designed a new bottom portion for the sternpost. With some difficulty they managed to procure steel girders and plates, and took them on board. A long girder was riveted to the broken portion of the stern frame, and a frame strong and rigid enough for ordinary conditions was completed.

The damage to the after keel plate was overcome very ingeniously. A wooden mould was fitted round the damaged portion, and cement poured in between the mould and the plate. The cement adhered firmly, and made the vessel watertight.

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SAILINGS SUSPENDED TO CANTON AND SWATOW

The "Shanghai Mercury" of Nov. 24 states:—

The China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company is apparently destined to be beset with end-less difficulties at the hands of agitators, militarists and other obstructions to peaceful trade. A couple of weeks ago what looked like becoming a general strike among the ships of this company was averted by the prompt action of the management in installing Ningpo sailors instead of the Cantonese dissenters who, no doubt instigated by the notorious Seamen's Union, were doing all in their power to interrupt the services of the company.

Services to the South, that quarter from which most of the trouble originated, were resumed and it was thought that the trouble had been overcome, but yesterday the company received a telegram from Canton and Swatow stating that two of their ships, the "Kwanglee" and the "Hsin Wah," which had sailed with Ningpo crews, had been held up at their ports of call and were practically in the hands of the agitators.

The "Kwanglee" sailed for Canton last Tuesday with a full cargo. Upon arrival at Canton the Labour Union there boarded the vessel and compelled the crew to go on strike. A certain amount of resistance was offered by the crew, but no doubt the fact of their being in an enemy province, decided their subsequent actions and they are reported to have consented to desert the ship. The "Hsin Wah" fared similarly, the members of the crew being forced to leave the ship soon after its arrival.

In view of these happenings the local office of the China Merchants' Company is considering the suspension of sailings to the South until law and order is restored. Proof of this is shown by the fact that the s.s. "Kung Ping," which was scheduled to sail for the South to-day, is at present busily engaged in transferring her cargo, which had been fully loaded, to one of the San Peh Company's steamers.

At present there are seven coasting vessels of the C.M.S.N. Co., in port.

KOMARI REEF.

A LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT.

At a recent meeting of the Colombo Port Commission there was read a letter from the Colonial Secretary to the Crown Agents for the Colonies requesting them to ascertain and report the estimated cost of a first-class watch-tower light with a candle power of not less than 300,000, and also to consult with the Elder Brethren of Trinity House as to the character of the light which should be erected at Komari Reef. A further letter from the Colonial Secretary requested the Crown Agents to forward detailed plans and sections of the lantern and the total weight of the lantern to enable the Director of Public Works to prepare a plan and estimate for the lighthouse tower.

Komari Point is on the east coast of Ceylon in lat. 7° N., long. 81° 53' E. The unsatisfactory lighting of this coast of Ceylon has been the subject of severe criticism for many years, and representations concerning it were made by Lloyd's as long ago as 1905, and again in 1907. The matter fell through owing to the inability of the Board of Trade to apply General Lighthouse Funds to the establishment of new Colonial lights. The loss of the "Lady MacCallum" off Póclair Point in January last again raised the question, and in the finding of the Court of Inquiry it was definitely stated that "the East Coast of Ceylon must be better served with lighthouses." The news now to hand suggests that steps are at last being taken to lessen the grave perils incurred by shipping on this ill-lighted coast.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S., "Empress of Russia," from Hong Kong on November 11, arrived at Vancouver on November 29.

The E. & A. s.s., "Tanda" left Moji for this port on November 23 at p.m. and is due here to-morrow, at about a.m.

The B.I. s.s., "Shirala" left Singapore for this port on November 29 at p.m. and is due here on Dec. 5, at about 7 a.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bengloe" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after 10 days will be subject to sale.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers who arrived on December 1 on the "Empress of Asia" from Canada, Japan, and Shanghai were:—

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ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 4th Dec., at 11 a.m.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 1st January.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd Dec., at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 11 a.m.
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TAKAOKA MARU	Tuesday, 14th December.
ASUKA MARU	Wednesday, 12th January.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.	
KAWACHI MARU	Sunday, 26th December.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.	
SADO MARU	Saturday, 11th December.
YAMAGATA MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
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KWAYO MARU	Thursday, 9th December.
NAGANO MARU	Middle of December.
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AKI MARU	Saturday, 18th December.
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RANGOON MARU (Moji direct)	Saturday, 11th December.
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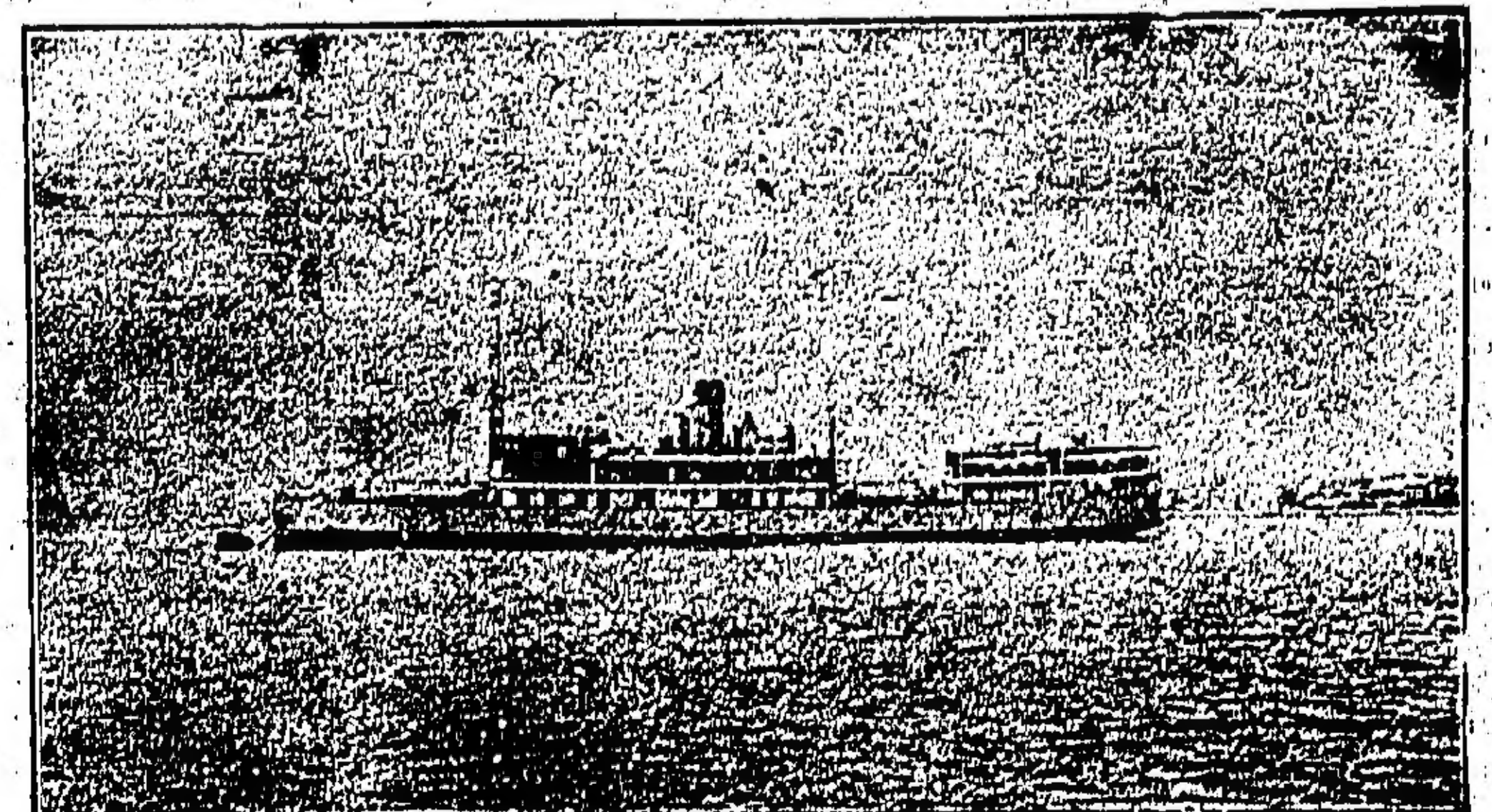
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BRITAIN AND CHINA.

The Hankow tension, deplorable from every other angle, has at least the merit of drawing attention to the sorry state of affairs in China, and the urgent need for protecting foreign lives and interests. From one of the statements made by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons yesterday, when answering a very barrage of questions about China, it is evident that this need is fully appreciated by the Home authorities. Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasizing that while the British Government is "most loth to interfere in the domestic affairs of China," it recognizes "the necessity of fulfilling its prime duty of defending the lives of British subjects." Already a naval landing has been made at Hankow with great moral effect and the threatened "incident" there has been averted. The determination of the British Government to protect the lives of its subjects, increasing the strength of the China Squadron for that purpose if necessary, cannot possibly be construed as indicating hostile feelings towards China. Any Government which failed to protect the lives of its subjects would be failing signally in one of its very first functions. Thus any action the British Government feels compelled to take in China is only such action as it would feel compelled to take elsewhere. Moreover the very day that brings the announcement of the British Government's determination to act firmly and promptly to protect the lives of its subjects, brings also the news of a notable gesture of goodwill towards the Chinese people, namely, the gift of the \$11,000,000 comprising Britain's share of the Boxer Indemnity, this money to be spent, chiefly under Chinese control, for the welfare of the Chinese people. As a result of this gift great benefit will accrue directly to agriculture, education, scientific research, medicine, public health and constructive industry, like the development of railways and conservancy works—in short to the very things which receive least attention in a country whose wealth at present is being largely squandered in civil war. The

British Government asks nothing in return for this gift—nothing except the goodwill which it is China's privilege to give if she so chooses. That China will grant this goodwill at once is hardly to be hoped for, looking to the disturbed state of the country. Hence it is to be feared that the safety of British lives will not be materially increased by our gesture of friendliness, and the British Government will have to continue its policy of watchfulness. The Chinese people, while working out their own salvation in their own way, can scarcely blame the British Government for adopting a firm attitude as regards the safety of its subjects whose lives can never be quite free from danger until the country has become settled enough for calmer views to prevail and our friendship to be appreciated at its true worth.

Postal Handicaps.

Almost cool and indifferent are the references in the annual report on the Chinese Post Offices to the trials undergone as the result of the civil war. Merely as "an instance of the difficulties experienced..." and the faithful services rendered by the staff "an incident in Kwangtung is mentioned." "Work was carried on without interruption and mails received and despatched during the six days in June when the District Head Office was in the line of fire and many bullets found their way into the building." Nor does the compiler of the report lose his calmness of language when the bare fact is recorded that, in all, 117 cases of loss of mails occurred in the district during 1925; of these, 81 were due to banditry, piracy, or looting by defeated soldiers. Apparently in China such incidents in the life of the Post Office are "all in the day's work," for equally commentless is the story of tragedy. "One courier was killed while in the execution of his duties." This was in Kwangtung. Elsewhere 18 other couriers were killed, and on 166 occasions couriers were attacked while travelling with mails, resulting in over 80 being wounded. No fewer than 247 mail robberies were reported, the Kwangtung district alone being responsible for 117 cases of loss of mails. Not one word of regret; not one syllable of protest against the lawless conditions that brought a District Head Office into the firing line and that menaced the lives of travelling couriers! The cold facts are set down in the usual stereotyped manner of official reports—not a "comma overmuch" or a word used that might be construed as verging beyond the moderate! The life of the postal official in China is far from being an enviable one, but the recording angel, in his annual report wastes no words of sympathy or regret. What must be, apparently, cannot be helped: why employ the dictionary in a battle against fate?

Lawyers in the Commons.

The resignation of Sir Henry Curtis Bennett as Conservative M.P. for the Chelmsford Division of Essex is a reminder that a conspicuous feature of the last General Election was the large number of barristers who were elected. The list of successful candidates included the names of the following eminent members of the legal profession in addition to Sir Henry Curtis Bennett:—Sir Ellis Hume Williams, K.C., Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., Sir Henry Slesser, K.C., Sir John

Simon, K.C., Sir Herbert Nield, K.C., and Sir Thomas Inskip, K.C. The election of Sir Henry Curtis Bennett marked the entry of this well-known criminal lawyer into the political arena. Most people were of the opinion that Sir Henry would be a great asset to the Conservative ranks. His remarkable eloquence was well known and his maiden speech in the House of Commons, which was keenly anticipated, indicated that his political career would be a great success. His retirement will no doubt be a great loss to his party. Sir Patrick Hastings, the Attorney-General in the Labour Ministry, whose action in the now famous Campbell Case, followed by the passing of a hostile amendment to go to the country, was returned by Wallsend by a small majority. Sir Henry Slesser, although Solicitor-General in the previous Government, entered the House for the first time, having been twice defeated at Central Leeds during 1922. We believe that by holding office during the full life of a Government without possessing a seat in the House, Sir Henry Slesser had an experience unique in the records of Parliament. Mr. Baldwin certainly had a brilliant list of eminent lawyers from which to select his Solicitor-General, but the task was not an easy one, for most barristers are reluctant to accept office, in spite of the fact that the Solicitor-Generalship is worth £10,000 a year.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL HOSPITAL FEES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Let me congratulate you upon your excellent leader of yesterday evening regarding the raising of the fees at the Government Hospitals.

One thing is certain—local medical practitioners need never fear of want. For the sake of a few doctors must the public suffer? Is the Government not aware of the financial stress existing throughout every class and community in the Colony?

Rents are going up, with the drop in exchange the cost of food and clothing is daily increasing, and now hospital fees are going up, while my employers have been obliged to reduce my pay. What's next?

Will the Government not put off the evil day?

Yours, etc.,

PERPLEXED.

Hong Kong, Dec. 2.

WHARF SEARCHES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—The following complaint might interest the Powers that be who define Piracy Prevention Regulations.

I am a constant traveller up North and have always taken passage by either B. & S. or China Merchants' boats. On several of my trips, I noticed that, before the steamer sailed and searching for contraband was in progress, one or two of the Chinese searchers would invariably ask passengers bringing a large number of trunks, etc., for \$5.00 per trunk or a lump sum for all the luggage, and searching would be dispensed with. If their request is not acceded to, an example would be set up by having one of the trunks opened and ransacked from top to bottom, and every piece of clothing unfolded and bundled up on the bed. Of course, passengers carrying a large number of trunks would be intimidated as they do not wish their belongings to be spread out in like manner after all the trouble they have taken to have them properly packed up, and would accede to their request after a bargain has been struck up. I do not wish to insinuate that all Chinese searchers are alike, indeed some are very keen in their duty for promotion's sake, yet the amount of "squeeze" obtained by this method is abnormal. I was thus approached once by a searcher, but I flatly refused to consider his demands.

Of course, if this practice continues, would-be pirates and smugglers have the trump card in their hands, and could, if they come across one of these avaricious searchers, escape search and detection quite easily. Unconsciously, these men are aiding smuggling, and in fact, can be called accomplices to so many undesired and undetected miscreants in the Colony.

I would suggest that posters be shown on board the ships to the effect that on account should passengers bribe Police searchers, and that if found out, a penalty would be imposed.

Yours, etc.,

RESONANCE.

Hong Kong, Dec. 1, 1926.

M.C.L.'S \$5,000.

DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR FETE.

THANKS TO HELPERS.

The President and the Committee of the Hong Kong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League desire to thank all those who helped in any way to make the Fete on November 20 the success it was. In particular they desire to thank H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi for having allowed them the use of Government House grounds.

Major Macready and Major Greig for providing chairs and tables and for arranging for six Warrant Officers N.C.O.'s to be in charge of tickets, etc.

Captain J. R. C. Lake and the officers for lending the Band of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the Bandmaster for the very excellent programme of music provided.

Lt.-Col. Comyn, D.S.O., for lending the Pipes of the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Mrs. Chater for producing the Pastoral Play and Miss V. Capell for arranging all the dances.

The Director of Public Works for allowing members of his staff to help in many ways.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz and Mr. A. G. W. Tickle for kind help and assistance. Mr. Gray (overseer) for supervising the erection of stalls and side shows and Messrs. Sang Lee (P.W.D. contractors) for erecting them at a nominal price.

The Captain Superintendent of Police and the Police under Sub-Inspector C. F. Alexander for the excellent Police arrangements during the afternoon.

Mr. Deakin, Custodian, Government House, for his excellent management of all the Fete arrangements and for his invaluable assistance rendered throughout.

The British-American Tobacco Co. for their most generous donation of cigarettes.

Tabaqueria Filipina for cigars and cigarettes at much reduced prices.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., for gifts and Mr. D. M. Goodall for his excellent tea arrangements at the lowest possible cost.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. for their most generous gift of aerated waters and for a bottle of perfume.

The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd. for giving the lighting free and for a donation of \$200.

The Press for their continued courtesy and help in every way possible.

Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard for gift of home made sweets.

The Editor of the "China Mail" for gift of beautiful Christmas and post cards.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax for gifts of Wembley post cards and jewellery and for having the Fete advertisements translated into Chinese for the Chinese newspapers.

Mr. S. O. Hill for beautiful art posters.

The Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., The Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd. for displaying posters free.

The Harbour Master for lending flags and decorations and Mr. C. J. Thomson and staff of the Harbour Office for decorating the stalls and side-shows.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mein Austin for running the Lucky Wheel and Ice Cream Cart.

Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy for judging competitions and supervising drawing of raffles.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball for organising and running the accounts office. Mr. Lo Cheuk-sun and Mr. Ng Pik-sang (shroffs) of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation) Mr. Tsoi Kai-yung, Mr. Thomas Lay and Mr. Chan Kwai-tui for helping with the accounts.

The Pioneer Silk Store for gifts of chocolate and a beautiful Haori coat.

The Hong Kong Furnishing Co. for chairs, etc., at much reduced rates.

The Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps for loan of chairs.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave for lending twelve Boy Scouts and Mrs. W. T. Southern for lending four girl Guides to help generally.

The Scouts and Guides for the valuable help they rendered.

The Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s who looked after the entrance gates and tickets so well.

Miss Robinson and Mrs. Lay for selling programmes.

Mrs. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. C. Minkin for being in charge of tea tickets.

Mrs. R. H. Charles for running the ankle competition.

The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern kindly gave a cheque to make up the above total to \$5,000.]

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HARD LINES?

GOVERNMENT AND NURSING SISTERS.

"MARKED ABILITY" CLAUSE

The attitude which the Government has taken up with regard to the standard required of nursing sisters engaged by them before full appointment follows the probationary period, has led the sisters to the belief, that they have been unfairly dealt with.

The probationary period on which nurses come out from Home is for three years, following which, if they have proved satisfactory, their engagement is renewed. The Government has evidently taken up the attitude that the regarding of the renewal of their agreement as automatic by the sisters has not tended to the best results, and a circular has been issued that, in future, only those who show "marked ability" will be retained on the permanent staff after the probationary period.

The Sisters' case is that, being fully trained and qualified before they come East, a refusal to engage them on the "permanent" staff is tantamount to a reflection on their professional skill, and that their chances of obtaining other positions are prejudiced. The discontinuance of their services here, in the event of their securing positions at Home, would entail the service of another probationary period in their new sphere.

It is understood that the services of some local nursing sisters have been discontinued after the completion of their probationary period.

"MALIGNANT OATH"

"Ask him (a police officer) if he is prepared to take the most malignant oath," said a Chinese in Mr. Lindell's Court at the Central Magistracy when denying a charge of obstruction.

"I'm sure we don't want to hear that," retorted the Magistrate amidst much laughter.

The defendant was discharged.

Any many other ladies and gentlemen who have given assistance most generously in donations, in work or in helping to run side-shows.

QUARRY BAY BRANCH.

\$1,071 Sent to Treasurer of M. C. L.

The following is the result of the takings on the day of the Fete. A further statement will be published later showing the final totals from all sources during the year and the allocation of these funds to children and other charities at Home and in Hong Kong.

Although Quarry Bay Branch, M.C.L. was unable to have a stall or side-show at the Fete itself, the secretary, Mrs. Phillips, has handed over to the hon. treasurer, M.C.L. the large sum of \$1,071.32 which goes to prove how well this Branch works for the cause.

1926 Fete Accounts.

Gate.		
Pastoral Play	.....	\$ 204.30
(programmes)	.....
(tickets)	.....	301.00
		330.25
Military		
1/2 General Stall	.....	147.52
Gold Fish Pond	.....	129.55
Roll Bowl or Pitch	.....	32.05
Clock Gold	.....	15.50
Lemonade Stall	.....	25.95
Ladies Ankle Display	.....	9.70
		357.27
Naval		
1/2 General Stall	.....	147.52
Lucky Wheel	.....	47.40
Naval Chute	.....	19.90
		214.82
Peak		
Children's Club Stall	.....	12.40
Orange Grove	.....	95.05
		107.45
Kowloon		
Cigarette Stall	.....	71.73
Fortune Teller	.....	10.00
		81.73
St. Stephen's Girls' School	.....	1,500.00
St. Paul's Girls' School	.....	288.05
Beilios Girls' School	.....	941.90
Lucky Ring	.....	55.10
		1,000.00
Police		
Stall	.....	121.85
Bran Pies	.....	78.40
		194.75
Victoria		
Stall	.....	245.65
Ice Cream Cart	.....	69.40
Lucky Wheel	.....	108.05
Tea Garden	.....	182.50
		44,954.22

SALE OF ROSES.

ACTIVE HELP FROM CHINESE LADIES.

A SUCCESSFUL "DRIVE."

Few escaped the vigilant eyes of the sellers of roses to-day on the occasion of the annual effort under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul for the Poor of Hong Kong. Chinese ladies assisted for the first time in the sale of the roses and the enthusiasm which they and other helpers brought to the cause was most gratifying to the organisers of the "drive," the extensive organisation of which, aided by an ideal day and the ready response of the public, should ensure a very satisfactory financial result.

To assist ladies who sold roses in districts where they might be hampered by interference, the 19th (Chinese) troop of Boy Scouts accompanied them in their rounds.

A very business-like system of direction and accounting centred in a portion of the Alexandra cafe where Mr. J. M. Alves was in charge. Here, a constant stream of workers with "empties" was attended to and, after having partaken of hospitality afforded by Mr. Alves, they were despatched to carry on the campaign with renewed vigour.

Over \$4,000 Collected.

At 1.50 p.m. over \$4,000 had been collected and there were still many boxes to be returned.

The following were the Rose sellers according to a list made up to noon. There were many more collection boxes to come in then.

Mrs. Comyn, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Marcel, Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Guzman, Mrs. Miller.

Misses Bouchier, Robinson, Perry Bird, Elsie Harston, Winifred Harston, Butcher, Mahony, Helen Stewart Hills, Anne King, Bewley, Holyoak, Black, Birkett, Audrey Steel, Rose Perry, Mary Addison, Gladys Addison, Shirley Silva, Edna Carroll, K. Glover, Nora Zimmer, Beryl Daniels, Irene Fulbrook, Pauline, Choa, Louise Choa, Edna Sprinkle, Lily Chue, Lily Elias, Joyce Walker, Violet Bradbury, Iris Frith, Gertrude Julian, Crispina Perpetuo, Leung Kam-yuk, Leung Kim-yuk, Chan Yan-hing, Li Lin-ching, Tam Yuk-char, Lau Mui, Li Yuk-ching, Chan Shuk-ying, Wai Choy-ping, Li Yuk-hing, Ena Danenberg, Hortencia Jorge, Alzira Jorge, Carmelita Britto, Yolanda Britto, Richardina da Luz, Kimy Barretto, Maria Luiza Gutierrez, Albertina Garcia, Alicia da Rosa, Mercedes da Rosa, Carmen da Rosa, Eduardina Kinola, Bella Kinola, Celeste Peres, Nidia Franco.

Masters Stewart Hills, Ian Grimble, Allan Grimble, Robin Hall, Enar Nuerdock, A. Hargrave, Reggie Wood, Everest.

Misses Mary Chan, Lucy Chung, Lina Noronha, Aida Noronha, Stella Xavier, Angelina Xavier, Mary Xavier, Agnes Lee, Mary Lee, Kathleen Fung, Chan Hing-ying, Chan Lai-kuen, Gertie Bowen, Mary Fisher, Gloria d'Almada e Castro, Matilde Pank, Aida Souza, Daisy Wong, Agnes Lui, Chau Shing-Chong, Graciela Fletcher, Margaret Everest, Mabel Isaac, Lily Yee, Molly Young, Ruby Tsang, Winnie Sang, Anna Abbas, Molly Cheung, Teresa Wong, Norma May, Eva Agabeg, Helen Leong, Stella Elmo, Mary Wong, Edith Ozorio, Anna Lopes, Cissy Chan, Winnie Stephens, Agnes Chan, Louise Sung, Rosie Ismail, Heria Silva, Mary Cheung, Rosie Santos.

Mrs. Haslam, Mrs. Patterson, Misses Alice Gutierrez, Cristina Gutierrez, Mimmi Alves, Cynthia Alves, Ena Alves, Iguene Remedios, Olga Gill, Olga Eca da Silva, Aida Eca da Silva, Annie Almada, Olaida Remedios, Maggie Xavier, Edres Aquino, Jeremina Pereira, Etelvira Ribeiro, Tuti Noronha, Joaquina Fernandes, Rosie Murphy, Sophy Lim, Helena Souza, Katherine Maxwell, Mary Merriot, Elfrida Remedios, Norah Gill, Cynthia Garcia, Betty Ribeiro, Guilhermina Aquino, Betty Souza, Dorothy Noronha, Linda Fernandes, Vera Hyndman, Olga Mendes, L. Murray, B. de Souza, Pura de Eca and a large number of the 19th Troop Boy Scouts under the able leadership of Scoutmaster Hon Yuk-fai who was enthusiastically assisted by Scout Mr. Winslow Luk.

HOSTILE JURY?

Somerville, Dec. 1. The court has refused the prosecution's application for a re-trial in the Halls-Mills murder case on the grounds that a jurymen was seen asleep during the proceedings, that they were not properly guarded, and that one was seen speaking to counsel for the defence, also the manifest hostility of some of the jurors to the prosecutor and his case.—Reuter's American Service.

RUBBER MARKET.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM SINGAPORE.

LATEST DIVIDENDS.

[By courtesy of Messrs. Carrol Bros.] Rubber is now quoted at 65 cents per lb.

The following dividends have been declared:—

Changkat Serdangs—interim of 10 per cent., making 20 per cent. to date.
Jerams—10 per cent. interim, making 40 per cent. to date.
Balgownie—15 per cent. interim.
Brogas—10 per cent. interim.
Teluk Ansons—10 per cent. interim, making 20 per cent. to date.
Lingui Tins—final 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. for the year.

Share Prices.

The latest prices are as follows:—

	Straits.
Allenbys	2.90
Alor Gajahs	2.80
Amalgamated Malays	4.50
Ayer Moleks	2.65
Ayer Panas	13.00
Balgownie	4.50
Bassatts	1.30
Brogas	1.55
Bukit Jelutongs	1.05
Bukit Katils	1.10
Changkat Serdangs	9.80
Connemaras	2.50
Glennalls	2.60
Indragiris	10.50
Jerams	1.75
Jimaha	2.50
Kedaha	4.30
Kempas	9.00
Kuala Sidims	3.50
Lunas	4.05
Malaka Pindas	2.55
Malakoffs	4.85
Mandal Tekongs	.75
Mayfields	15.50
Mantakaps	.55
New Serendangs	5.00
Palams	2.70
Punggora	1.30
Sandycrofts	3.10
Soudais	2.70
Sungei Bagans	4.30
Tapahs	33.50
Tambalaks	1.30
Teluk Ansons	16.45
United Malaccas	2.50
Utan Simpans	4.50

WAR ORIGIN.

"EXCEPTIONAL HISTORICAL INTEREST."

Rugby, Dec. 1. Exceptional historical interest attaches to the ninth volume issued to-day of the "British Documents on the Origin of the War, 1898—1914." The editors are Messrs. Gooch and Temperley.

Interest centres on Foreign Office papers of June 18 to August 4, 1914, collected and arranged by Mr. Headlam Morley, historical adviser to the Foreign Office. These contain telegrams and despatches from the British Ambassadors in Berlin, Moscow, Paris and elsewhere, sent at that period, and some notable minutes thereon by Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Arthur Nicolson, Permanent Under-Secretary, and the late Sir Eyre Crowe, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

A German translation of the volume is being issued simultaneously in Berlin.—British Wireless Service.

RADIO MARVELS.

TELEPHONE TALKS ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Rugby, Dec. 1. Sir Ernest Rutherford in a presidential address on Radio Communication to the Royal Society, last night, referred to successful experiments in transatlantic wireless telephony between the Rugby station and the United States at Long Island.

He said it would soon be practicable to connect any telephone subscriber in Western Europe with any telephone subscriber on the North American continent.—British Wireless Service.

BANDITS' ATTACK.

CHINESE CITY PILLAGED.

Kaifeng, Nov. 10. The city of Chenliu, which is less than twenty English miles from Kaifeng, has recently been attacked by large bands of brigands. After pillaging the city and killing many of the people, something like seven hundred of the inhabitants were carried away as captives. It is reported that these are now being tortured in order to hasten the paying of ransoms.

The ravaging of the city by the brigands was followed by looting by soldiers, numbering some fifteen hundred. The city has been stunned by its terrible experiences.

STRIKE OVER.

COALFIELDS' AGREEMENTS REACHED.

OFFICIAL RETURNS CEASE.

London, Dec. 1.

With the conclusion of agreements in most of the principal coalfields and the resumption of work the official returns of men engaged have ceased.—Reuter.

Back to Normal.

Rugby, Dec. 1.

The coal stoppage should be at an end throughout the country tomorrow. A small Cumberland area is the only district where a settlement has not yet been reached, and the ballot which is being completed there to-day is expected to favour a return to work.

There is considerable variation in the terms reached in the districts. The conditions of coal-getting differ considerably, but generally they provide for wages at least equivalent to the pre-stoppage rates in return for longer working hours.

In areas other than the midland coalfields, returns are no longer issued as the position has reached pre-stoppage level. Nearly 70,000 miners returned to the pits yesterday. No further figures are being issued as the position throughout the country is rapidly approaching normal.

Following a large resumption of work in Northumberland, it is probable that a further concession regarding bunker coal will be announced shortly.

The embargo on the export of coal is being maintained until domestic requirements are satisfied. Normal winter train services are being resumed.—British Wireless Service.

KING'S APPEAL.

ROMANIAN SUCCESSION QUESTION.

Paris, Dec. 1.

Queen Marie's return from America has brought to the forefront the position of ex-Crown Prince Carol, as regards the succession, especially in view of reports of the precariousness of the health of the King.

General Angelescu, Marshal of the Roumanian Court, interviewed at Cherbourg prior to the landing of Queen Marie, said the succession to the Throne was definitely and constitutionally settled. It was impossible for Carol to return to Roumania. He saw Carol in Paris, and the latter formally promised not to attempt any coup d'etat.

Following the publication of this interview, Prince Carol issued a statement denying that his conversation with Angelescu had referred to the renunciation of the Throne. Carol has not met his mother on her arrival in Paris.—Reuter.

A letter from King Ferdinand to Premier Averescu, read in the Senate, says that happily his health and strength are returning and he is confident of his ability to fulfil his duty to the country. Nobody can doubt his constant solicitude to fulfil his duty, as proved when necessary. The sacrifice of personal bonds had put a stop to the errors and indecisions of his well-loved child.

He appeals to all loyal Roumanians to form a rampart round the Throne and enforce respect for the decisions and acts of the King.—Reuter.

COMMON INTERESTS.

AMERICA AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH.

New York, Dec. 1.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's Society, Mr. Harvey, former Ambassador to London, acclaimed the recent "spring into being of the British Commonwealth of sovereign States, as a great event, the most momentous of the century, in the forward march of our race."

He advocated the prompt appointment of American diplomatic representatives to the Irish Free State, Canada, and Australia, and added that Americans neither recognise nor rejoice in the dismemberment of Britain.

"Our first gratifying duty is to grasp the hands of these new nations. The United States and Britain are inseparably linked. We are the world's greatest producer, they the biggest purchasers. We are the greatest creditor, they the most solvent debtors."

A breakdown of British guidance and control would spell calamity for the United States and be hardly less serious than a disaster to Britain.

Tributing Premier Bruce, Mr. Harvey suggested that "this ruling democrat" when he returned through the United States should be accorded a welcome "not inferior to that recently showered on a nominal queen."—Reuter's American Service.

EASY WIN.

BY-ELECTION VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT.

EVEREST LEADER'S SUCCESS.

Rugby, Dec. 1.

The result is announced of the by-election at Chelmsford to the retirement of Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, Conservative.

Lieut.-Colonel Howard Bury retained his seat for the Conservatives by 30,395 votes against Mr. Robinson, Liberal, with 8,435, and Major Moller, Labour, with 6,140.

The Conservative vote has fallen 2,460 since the last general election and the Liberal vote is down by 1,809. The Labour vote has increased by 3,136.

Lieut.-Colonel Bury was leader of the Mount Everest Expedition of 1921.—British Wireless Service.

AMAZING STORY.

A MURDER PLOT AGAINST A MAHARAJAH.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.

Three Hindus have been arrested, believed to have been plotting against the life of the Maharajah of Indore who is at present staying here.

The Hindus had been in the birthplace of the mother of Mumtaz Begum, the dancing girl concerned in the attempted abduction at Malabar Hill, Bombay, last year.

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"A MATTER OF HONOUR."

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. M. H. Turner appeared on behalf of Mr. Li Yuen, summoned for "executing a receipt on an unstamped document."

Addressing His Worship, Mr. Turner said that Mr. Li, who had been in the Colony for over fifty years, was a well known and respected merchant and had never been summoned before. He had instructed a foki to collect some money and had actually given the foki a stamp with which to execute the receipt.

"When Mr. Li came to me about this matter," continued Mr. Turner, "I pointed out that it was merely a technical offence and that it was unnecessary for him to go to the expense of sending me here, but he said that he felt that his honour was at stake and that he did not mind the cost. As this is this gentleman's first offence during fifty years of commercial life in the Colony, I would ask Your Worship to dismiss the case with a caution."

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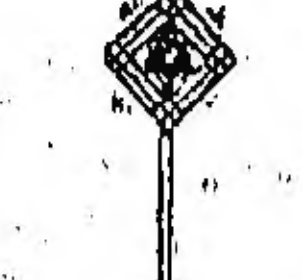
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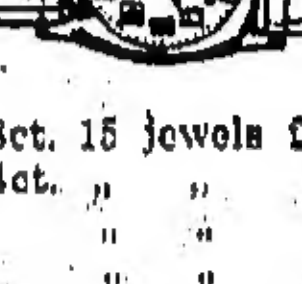
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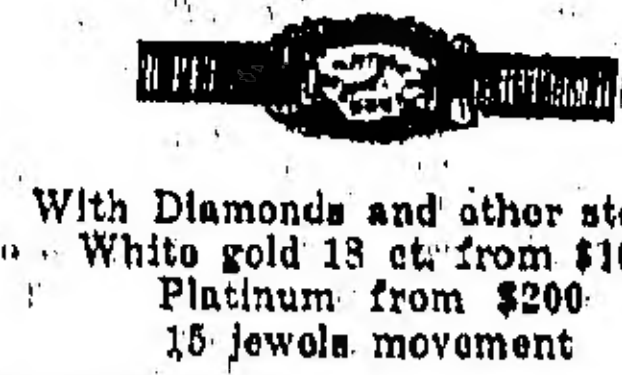


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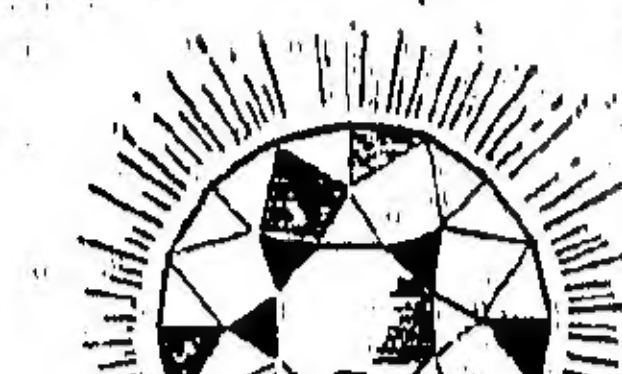
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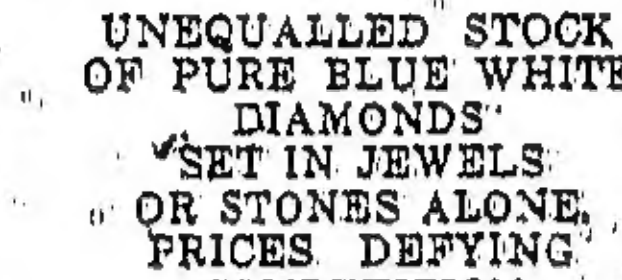
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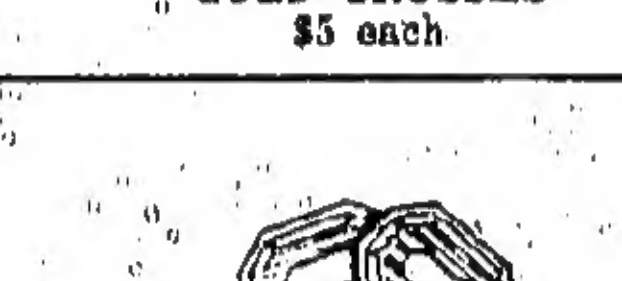
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An unknown elderly woman in the crowd which assembled at Hammersmith to welcome Mr. Alan Cobham was knocked down by a motor car and fatally injured.

Assorted hampers of wines and spirits for the Christmas season, at \$30, \$34 and \$38 are announced by Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd. in an advertisement on page 7.

"This is the sort of man he is—the other day he kicked a cock because it would not lay an egg." So said an inspector at Doncaster when a man was charged with cruelty to his wife.

An employee of the Labour Maintenance Bureau was charged before Mr. C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday with stealing two jackets from a private richa coolie. The case was adjourned on the application of Mr. H. S. Losby, defending.

Yang Tse-jih, a jeweller, has reported to the French Police, the Wosung and Shanghai Constabulary and the Peace Maintenance Corps that he has received a number of threatening letters demanding \$10,000 to be sent to a certain house on the Boulevard de Montigny.

There was a splendid rice crop in Wuhu last summer, and everything points to a very good winter crop also. A number of rice-cleaning mills have been built on the two small rivers running inland from Wuhu. These mills are operated by machinery, gasoline engines being used in all cases.

Another step towards the removal of the Wuchang city wall was taken last week by the demolishing of the gates at the Hanyang Men and the Pinghu Men. It is stated that now the Kiangsi situation has been settled there is nothing in the way of getting rid of the Wuchang defences.

Proposals are under consideration in Shanghai and are nearly matured, to allow the male Russian population of Shanghai, those without positions, to emigrate to the Argentine. It is understood that a shipping company has granted very reduced rates and that the Bureau of Foreign Affairs has made a considerable reduction in passport fees. Russian organisations are co-operating so that suitable individuals may meet agents of the proposed venture.

Two fresh cases of enteric fever (typhoid) were notified on Wednesday. Both patients are Chinese from the central district.

Money and jewellery, to the value of \$79, was stolen in a burglary which occurred early yesterday morning at No. 40, Wing Lok Street.

"If you have money for bail, you have it for a licence," said Mr. R. E. Lindell to a woman charged this morning with hawking without a licence. His Worship fined the defendant \$3.

Charged with looting for taxis in Pedder Street, a Chinese informed Major C. Willson this morning that he was an orphan and had no job. His Worship remanded the defendant in police custody for forty-eight hours for enquiries to be made.

Having pleaded guilty when they were last before the Bench, three Chinese were sentenced to three years' imprisonment at the Mixed Court at Shanghai for circulating counterfeit \$5 notes, purporting to be those issued by the China and South Seas Bank.

George Mitchell, charged with being drunk and disorderly in Lyndhurst Terrace during the early hours of this morning, admitted the offence when brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

The erection of another two-court rooms at the Mixed Court at Shanghai in order to deal with the vastly increasing work caused by the increase in criminal and civil cases is urgently needed, according to the report of Mr. J. E. Wheeler, Registrar, in the "Municipal Gazette."

Local motorists will be pleased to learn that the Asiatic Petroleum Co. have erected a service station outside the City Hall at the junction of Queen's Road Central and Wardley Street. The Colony has for some time past felt the need of some place in the central district where supplies of "Shell" motor spirit may readily be obtained, and the site chosen by the A.P.C. is undoubtedly one which will prove of great convenience to the motoring public on the island. The new service station will be operated by the Hongkong Hotel, Garage, and will be opened next week.

Robbers broke into the villa of Mr. Franck, Governor of the National Bank, near Antwerp, and got away with 200,000 francs' worth of silver and jewellery.

A Chinese coolie was sent to jail in Shanghai on Nov. 22 for two months for attempting to extort money from a man employed at the China Merchants-Lower wharf by threats.

The Harbin-Mukden radio service will be opened in January or February next under management of the Chinese Wireless Station. Broadcasting equipment, as ordered from France, are being installed.

The association of French holders of Russian bonds have made an application to the Minister of Finance demanding the dissolution of the present French commission charged with negotiations with the Soviet commission. The association requests direct negotiations in accord with the Italian and British bondholders.

Apocryphal of the question of destitute Russian children studying in the public schools of Shanghai, a correspondent of the Russian papers advocates that these children should study in the two existing Russian schools where they can get an education of a much better nature and much cheaper than can be obtained at the Municipal schools.

The Russian Government plans to spend 5,000,000 roubles in settling 25,000 immigrants in the region of Irkutsk, Siberia, during the present fiscal year, according to a dispatch to the Osaku "Mainichi." The migration is part of a general redistribution of population plan being carried out by the Soviet, which is arousing much interest in Japan.

Trade unionisation is invading every branch of business in Wuchang, the latest being the wheat coolies' union, the water carriers' union, the domestic servants' union, and tenants' union. The last organisation has prepared three fierce demands to be presented to Wuchang's landlords: first, that all house rents be relinquished for three months; second, that future payments of rent shall have a 20% discount; third, that thereafter no increase in rental can be made without the consent of the tenants.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. C. B. Weiss, of the United States Steel Products Company, arrived in Shanghai on November 24 from the south.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyde Lay, Hong Kong residents, were passengers on the incoming "Empress of Asia" which arrived yesterday from the North.

Chief Inspector W. Kent of the Hong Kong Police returned from long leave yesterday, via Canada, by the "Empress of Asia," accompanied by Mrs. Kent and Miss M. A. Kent.

Captain W. Davison, R.N.R., and Mrs. Davison returned to the Colony yesterday, from home leave, on the "Empress of Asia." Captain Davison is marine superintendent in Hong Kong of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Ltd. and is the Rear-Commander of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

In the case of Mrs. Ross Bond Toledo v. Herman Reyes Toledo, for divorce in the American Court, Shanghai, adjournment for one week was granted on November 22 at the request of Mrs. Toledo's attorney. It is said that the slimy part of the matter will be settled out of court.

Going on leave before his firm moved into the palatial premises at Exchange Building, Mr. R. L. Bridger, one of the managing directors of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., came back yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" together with Mrs. Bridger. Mr. Bridger also sits on the board of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd.

The "Empress of Canada" brought a good many passengers to Hongkong yesterday, including a number of local residents. The list includes the names of Mr. C. B. Humphreys, Miss K. Murphy, Lt. C. V. King, Mr. W. E. Buckborough (passenger agent of the C.P.R.), the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. L. O'Rourke, Prof. and Mrs. A. V. E. Richardson, Prof. R. N. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. da Costa, Mrs. M. Alaraki, Comdr. F. R. Bayly, Capt. J. S. Masson, Col. and Mrs. C. F. Meares, Mr. D. M. Ross.

The death has occurred of Mr. W. H. Porter, the banker, a member of Morgan's, states a Reuter cable from New York.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, partner in the local law firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, arrived yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" with Mrs. Beavis.

Mr. C. Atkinson, of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd., and Mrs. Atkinson, arrived back in Hong Kong yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" from Canada.

H.E. the General Officer commanding in China (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), and Mrs. Luard, returned to Hong Kong on the "Empress of Asia" yesterday, after a short visit to the North.

A British wireless message announces the death of Sir Ellis Griffith, Under-Secretary for Home Affairs under Lord Oxford (then Mr. Asquith) from 1912 to 1915, at Swansea.—British Wireless Service.

Mr. A. Nissim, partner in Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, sharebrokers, and secretary of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Empress of Asia" which came in from the North.

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr. Harold Arrowsmith Brown, I.C.S., to be a Puisne Judge in the High Court of Judicature at Rangoon, in succession to Mr. Edward Dyer Duckworth, I.C.S., who will retire in January.

After long leave at home, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill returned to Hongkong yesterday via Canada by the "Empress of Asia." Mr. Greenhill is secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. As honorary secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club for several years (till last spring) he showed great enthusiasm in organising exhibition tennis matches in addition to shouldering a good deal of the H.K.C.C. work. He has also served St. George's Society in Hongkong in the same capacity.

Mr. A. H. Strange, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company at Chinkiang, returned to Shanghai on November 24 from a holiday spent in Manila.

The British Chamber of Commerce in Peking gave a farewell tiffin on November 24 in honour of Sir Ronald Macleay, the British Minister, who sailed from Tientsin for Shanghai on November 20.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. James Alexander Dunachie, of the China Inland Mission, at Pingyao-shan, Shanai, and Anna Gertrude Ritchie, of the C.I.M. Hwochow, also of Shanai.

On November 10 Mr. A. J. Monteiro died in Singapore in his 70th year. He was a well-known member of the Eurasian community. He was chief clerk of the General Post Office, and afterwards managing clerk to the late Mr. F. M. Chopard, when in practice as a solicitor. He was born in Malacca, but had lived the greater part of his life in Singapore.

Messrs. Robinson and Co. of Singapore have lost an old servant through the death at his residence at Telok Kurau of Mr. Fred Fox. Until his retirement last year, Mr. Fox, who was 57 years of age, had been in the employment of Messrs. Robinson and Co. as a travelling agent for over thirty years. He was the son of Captain W. Fox, a well-known shipmaster sailing out of Singapore about the middle of the last century.

Miss Gordon and Miss Trefusis have been giving an exhibition of their pictures in the Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur. The two ladies have travelled extensively in the East and their pictures include studies made in Burma, Sumatra, Java, and Bali. Miss Gordon has in addition travelled and painted in Palestine, Greece, India, Kashmir and Western Tibet. Miss Trefusis, says the "Malay Mail," has done much portrait work, and will be showing portraits of Lord Hugh Cecil, the Bishop of London, and Sheila Kays-Smith.

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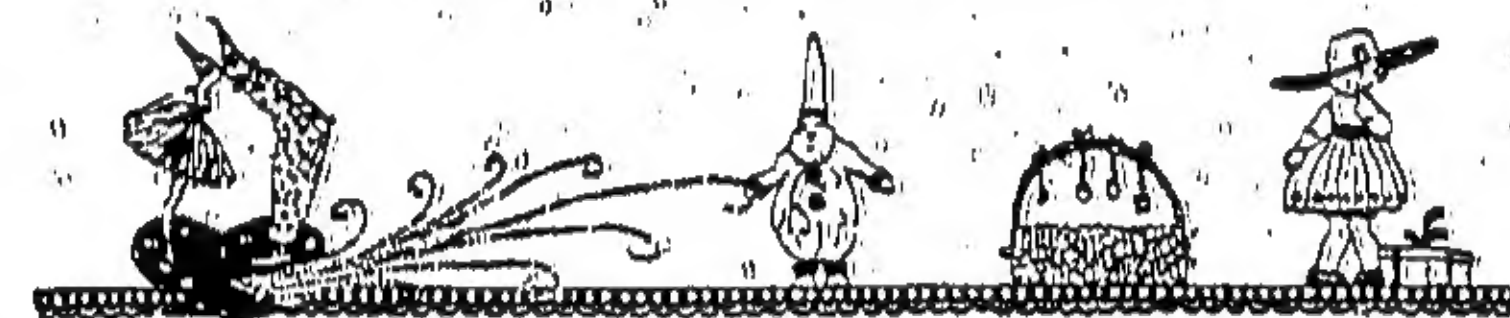
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London, Dec. 1. In the 1st round of the Football Association Cup competition proper, several replays were decided today as follows:—

Gillingham 2, Barking 0.
Brentford 7, Clapton 3.
Bristol Rovers 1, Torquay 0.
Reading 5, Weymouth 0.
New Brighton 2, Wrexham 2.
Ties postponed from last Saturday on account of fog were also decided as follows:—
York 4, Workson 1.
Crewe 4, Northern Nomads 1.
Wigan 2, Barrow 2.
Chesterfield 2, Mexborough 1.

The winners of the above are paired respectively in the 2nd round on Dec. 11, as follows:—
Gillingham (at home) v. Brentford.
Bristol Rovers (at home) v. Clapton.

Reading (at home) v. Southend.
York (away) v. Grimsby.
Crewe (at home) v. Wigan or Barrow.
Chesterfield (away) v. Desborough or Doncaster.

New Brighton and Wrexham replay again for the right of visiting Rhyll or Stoke.

"MIXED" TENNIS.

A "mixed" lawn tennis team from the Kowloon Cricket Club will play a match at King's Park at 3 p.m. on Sunday against Club de Recreo. The K.C.C. will be represented by:—Mrs. J. A. Howe and G.H. Atkins, Madame A. Bonnaud and A. Legot, Mrs. J. B. McCaw and A. Hanson, Mrs. E. L. Stainfield and E. J. Gill, Mrs. A. J. Kew and Geo. Lee, Madame I. Tremoulet and E. Abraham.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club 1st XI in a league match against the Scottish Borders on Saturday, on the Club ground:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. D. Humphreys, H. V. Parker, J. A. Summers, G. D. Wales, E. B. Gardner, G. R. Vallack.

CLAUDE FALKNER.

Calcutta, November 14.—To-night Claude Falkner played Lewis, the Calcutta champion, 800 up, conceding Lewis 400.
Lewis had only added 80 to that when Falkner finished the game. Falkner made five breaks of over 100, probably a record. His breaks were 163, 157, 133, 133, and 102.

RUGGER CONFERENCE.

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting of the Shanghai Amateur Athletic Club:—Mr. R. E. Brown, captain; Messrs. R. S. McMillan and G. R. Hunt, vice-captains; Mr. H. A. Atkinson, hon. secretary; and Mr. N. Concoff, hon. treasurer, and the committee of Messrs. J. Hukley, T. Blair, McAlay, G. E. Siston, Ian, M. Peniguel and J. McKenna, hon. trainer. Mr. H. D. Rodger was re-elected president. The patrons and vice-presidents will be announced later.

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MODERN CHINA'S GREATEST ARMY.

Effects of the decisions reached by China's warlords at the Tientsin conference are gradually becoming apparent. One of the most important achievements of the conference is the creation of probably the largest military combination ever seen in modern China, and mobilises military reserves and resources on a scale calculated to shatter Cantonese pretensions to domination of China, if the issue is to be settled on a military basis.

The cement uniting this combination is not conquest but fear—fear of the new politico-military move from the south, with a leaven of Soviet Russian support. For the first time also in modern China, this reshuffling of parties and forces has resulted in the creation of a clear-cut issue. Instead of many small military cliques, fighting, plotting and counter-plotting in a maze of movements bewildering the ordinary observer, the Tientsin conference defines two groups, one Cantonese, widely called Bolshevik, and the other a combination of other militarists, chiefly Northern, in an anti-Cantonese, anti-Bolshevik group.

According to information from reliable quarters in Shanghai, the total force created by the conference is estimated at about 600,000 men. Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who is to be supreme commander, is credited with possessing 250,000; Marshal Chang Chung-chang, Tapan of Shanghai, is generally supposed to have 200,000; Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's army, embracing the forces of minor rulers of the five provinces formerly in his control, was approximately 150,000, while Marshal Wu Pei-fu and other leaders had remnants of armies, although since the Cantonese penetration of Central China, their numbers have been reduced.

"They have certainly torn up the map of China into two," was the remark of one observer on Nov. 22, commenting on the conference. "That magic essence of cohesion has been discovered but it has proved to be fear. There are only two zones in China now, one is red, the other is white."

SNUB TO SOVIET.

NO PROPAGANDA IN HARBIN.

Writing on November 13 the Harbin correspondent of the "Shanghai Mercury" stated:—
The editors of two of the foremost newspapers published in Harbin were called up to police headquarters on Friday and informed that their papers would be closed for two weeks from November 12 to 24 owing to inflammatory communist articles which appeared in them on Sunday, November 7, Russian Revolution Day. One of these is the Soviet newspaper entitled the "Echo" which is an entirely Soviet publication subsidised by the government and the other the old established paper "Novosti Zhizni," which is also subsidised by the Moscow authorities. The editors begged for a lighter sentence but were categorically refused as they have been warned on former occasions. The articles which were the cause of the closure are not flagrantly communistic and it is assumed that the Chinese authorities desired to show Mr. Chern'kh that they would not allow the smallest propaganda in Chinese territory.

LEPER SANATORIUM.

According to the Kokumin, the Health Bureau of the Home Department of Japan has decided to establish a State sanatorium for lepers on the isolated island of Oshima in the Inland Sea, which lies within the jurisdiction of Kagawa prefecture. For the execution of this plan, \$1,200,000 is put down in the estimates for the next fiscal year, and the plan has been approved by the Finance Department with a slight amendment. When the approval of the Diet has been obtained, the work will be started early next year. The projected sanatorium is to hold 500 lepers who have no demerits, those who are prone to run away from inland sanatoriums and those whose conduct is especially subversive of the morals of sanatoria elsewhere. The "Kokumin" further credits the health authorities with a firm resolution to eradicate leprosy during the next sixty years. This paper gives the total of the lepers in Japan at present at 15,000.

DISPUTE SETTLED?

STEAMBOAT CO. AND EX-SEAMEN.

TERMS REPORTED ACCEPTED.

Although official confirmation is lacking, there is reason to believe that the dispute between the ex-seamen strikers and the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. has been settled.

Reports from Canton are that the Seamen's Union have intimated that an amicable settlement has been reached whereby half of the old crews of the company will be re-engaged this month and the other half next month.

Phase of "New" Boycott.
When the boycott was withdrawn on October 10, a "new" boycott began, in several phases, one of which was the picketing of the Steamboat Co.'s wharves in Canton. Strikers who were agitating for their reinstatement.

Negotiations followed and an understanding was reached. Then the men were stated to have asked for the dismissal of two loyal stewards. After a few days of non-interference the pickets returned.

"Complete" Agreement.
All this week it has been confidently felt in river shipping circles that there were good prospects of an immediate settlement. Now comes this latest report. The statement attributed to the Seamen's Union is that the agreement is complete and both sides are satisfied.

Enquiries from the head office of the Steamboat Co. elicited the information that a representative of the company was negotiating in Canton with the seamen and that news was awaited from him.

IN CHANGCHOW.

ELECTRIC LIGHT, FRESH MILK AND NEW BUILDINGS.

Changchow, Nov. 11.
There are quite a number of two-story buildings going up in Changchow. Four or five of these new homes are very near our compound; one beautiful home already completed on the same block we are on is the home of an official from another province. These buildings mean progress and also good neighbors.

There are several new industries of interest—a nice new electrical plant just outside the North Gate supplies splendid lights. We have a big current furnished by the large plant between Changchow and Hwink-ling, so one can iron in the day with an electric iron. Cooking can also be done. What luxuries for interior folks.

Again another surprise for us a few days ago, when a dairy was opened and good milk guaranteed at a reasonable price and delivered in time for breakfast. The milk is good and we hope it will keep up. This is the first dairy for Changchow. We have been getting milk from a man outside the city for many years—well-watered of course and delivered about 10 a.m.—very inconvenient and never any fresh milk for breakfast.

There is yet another new building outside the North Gate—"Kong Nylh Andong" for boys. It is a machine shop where the young men and boys are taught how to use and also to make some machinery. Changchow seems to have no "anti" feeling, and we are all happy together and wish that all other cities were as quiet and peacefully happy as we are at present.

The weather, too, is so beautiful and the farmers are gathering in their farm products. Not so very good because of the summer heat and dry weather, yet fairly good. Prices are high, but not so high as in Shanghai.—"Shanghai Times" correspondent.

FLAMES OF SAMSHUI.

On Nov. 20 Soochow Creek presented a spectacle to the passers-by and gave work to the Shanghai Fire Brigade who turned out in full force to fight flames of samshui. The cart on which there were about eight baskets of samshui were being pulled over the bridge when one of the baskets slipped, broke and the samshui formed a stream down the road. One of the Chinese passers-by wanted to have some fun, presumably, so he put a match to the stream although one of the coolies noticing his act tried to prevent him from doing so. The flames gradually worked their way to the cart, and the eight baskets went up in the air. It was about an hour before the brigade was able to put the fire out.—"Shanghai Mercury."

A Sikh policeman in the Hong-kew district of Shanghai, on Nov. 21 committed suicide in a Chinese livery stable by placing his carbine in his mouth and pulling the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

ISLAND WATER.

WHY RESTRICTIONS ARE ANNOUNCED.

FOR WESTERN DISTRICT.

The rider main water restrictions announced for the extreme west of the city in an advertisement appearing in this issue do not indicate a general shortage of water, it was gathered on enquiry.

The difficulty at present, experienced is one which is faced yearly and resulted in similar restrictions being introduced about the same time last year. At present, Pokfulam reservoir is not getting enough water via the Bowen road conduit and Elliot service reservoir to enable the West Point service reservoir (also dependent on the Pokfulam reservoir) to be kept supplied.

In the absence of pumping facilities which are not available owing to the restricted pumping service at Pokfulam since the storm disaster there, the only means of achieving this is by introducing restrictions in districts West of Eastern street (i.e. that comparatively small part of the city on the far side of the road leading up the G.H. and Bonham roads, westwards towards Kennedy Town).

It appears that this difficulty is likely to continue as a yearly one whilst the present reservoir accommodation has to be relied upon. Pokfulam reservoir has only 30,000,000 gallons available and this must be conserved until the "dry" season has been passed.

EX-GERMAN CHURCH

NOW USED AS BUDDHIST TEMPLE.

It appears that a German Church on one of the South Sea Islands, over which Japan was granted a mandate is now being used as a Buddhist temple, an image of Buddha having been placed there, with due ceremonies, last month. Churches erected in such circumstances, generally belong to the congregations, but apparently the church was taken over by the Japanese authorities as State property. Why the Buddhists should be allowed the sole use of it is not stated. Are we to suppose that there are no more Christians on the island? In any case it would appear that the Buddhists are making great propaganda efforts. There are stated to be 5,000 natives and 700 Japanese on the island and the Eastern Hongwanji has taken them under its wing, dispatching many priests for propagating Buddhism. The chief priest of the Denkyoji Temple, Kusatsu, near Lake Biwa is leaving for the island on November 9 and plans to open a kindergarten and a sewing school on the island.

SERIOUS ASSAULT.

MALAY SYCE STABS EUROPEAN.

The "Straits Times" of November 16 reports:—

A Malay syce, who has not yet been arrested, severely stabbed Mr. W. C. Clark of Brinkmann and Co., on Armistice night, as a consequence of which Mr. Clark is in hospital suffering from several wounds, which although unlikely to prove dangerous, are very severe.

It appears that Mr. Clark and a friend engaged a hire car at Tanjong Pagar between seven and eight o'clock on Thursday and were driven to their destination.

On their arrival, Mr. Clark asked the driver to wait, while the syce was unwilling to do, eventually using language which caused Mr. Clark to strike him.

The Malay then drew a knife and stabbed Mr. Clark on the face inflicting a severe gash from the mouth downwards. He struck again and stabbed him in the shoulder.

The Malay then mounted the car and drove away.

After receiving attention Mr. Clark was taken to hospital.

COMMUNIST AGITATORS.

Liu Kuan-chi, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shanghai General Labour Union (whose whereabouts have been unknown for some time) is reported to be now in Hankow, where he is taking an active part in the labour movements in co-operation with the Communist agitators.

Li Lee-san, notorious leader and former central figure of the local General Labour Union, is also said to be there, communicating with the local labour organisations. Rumours have it (says the "Shanghai Mercury") that a general strike will be staged here in the near future with the assistance of the Communist organ. They await their opportunity when the situation in Hankow is favourable.

CHENG TU BOYCOTT.

GENERAL YIELDS TO LOCAL OPINION.

MORE MOSCOW MONEY.

Chengtu, Nov. 5.

The Chengtu boycott on all foreigners finally ended as quickly as it began. It extended over a period of two months. General Liu Wen-hui, who is blamed by all for ordering it, gave the order under much pressure of local opinion to have it stopped. It is said he gave \$4,000 towards paying the wages of foreigners' servants when they were forbidden, under threat of severe penalties, from serving us. A wealthy landowner named Chu Tsai-shen, who had a grudge against the Union Missions University, also contributed a goodly sum. Each servant received 20 cents per day, and as there were about 800 plus 200 who one time or another had helped foreigners and who crowded in to draw this daily sum, it needed \$200 daily to run things, not speaking of the squeeze of the leaders and members of the various societies that were helping in the boycott.

At least four generals in the city made strong representations to Liu Wen-hui against this shameful torturing of innocent foreigners. One told him he should go carefully for his own sake. His home was near Chengtu; it was well known, he was risking too much for himself. Did he not remember how officials in former days had, taken up violent methods against foreigners and had come to grief? He was a fool if he persisted in the boycott. To this he replied, it is said, "Let them make a row against the foreigners, for a time at least."

Another general, it is reported, told him, what he was doing was worthy of a small boy and not of a man.

The thing to be noticed is that he can tell those who engaged him to do this that he did what he was asked to do.

The affirmation is persistent in official and civilian circles that he was bought by the Bolsheviks to carry out trouble. For foreigners naturally have no proof of this; we can only note what is widely said and believed.

Liu Wen-hui a few years ago had only four "mong" or Chinese acres of land. Now he has 8,000 acres, the average value of which is \$100-per acre. Besides, he is reputed to have 2,000 "wan" of dollars (\$2,000,000) deposited in native and foreign banks.

Allowing for the usual native exaggeration, he is marvellously rich for a Chinese that was so poor so recently. When at Suifu he made colossal sums out of the opium likin, and here he is hauling in big sums of salt revenue money and other squeezes. This is the man that patronizes the society to love one's country and hate the foreigners and for whom the vagabonds among the students have been yelling for our expulsion, and "down with imperialism."

At Liu Wen-hui's own printing press an anti-Christian poster was issued in which the Cross was labelled "Chinese Calamity" and the Bible as "Chinese Shame."

Now that the boycott is off, a new society has been formed to act between the Labour Union and official patronage. It is called the Lien-hwa-hui. It will save certain officials and certain heads of schools, and colleges from being charged with having relations with such a low-down organisation as a servants' league yet render them any help and pecuniary assistance the league may need. One of the aims now is to make it hot for foreigners one at a time. Any servant with a grudge or imaginary grievance is not to act for himself but to go to the League and get its solid backing.

Then, it is whispered, besides that, General Liu is going to make use of the Chengtu Chamber of Commerce now to work up a boycott against British goods. Of course, it must do what it is told simply.

It will be interesting to see whether this alleged plan materialises.

Our Chengtu people remain, as a whole, friendly to Great Britain and America and they are strongly opposed to this persecution of foreigners. They say something should be done (1) to expose these enemies of their country, and (2) to curb their activities.—"China Press" correspondent.

Three robbers, one of whom was armed with a pistol entered No. 2000 Haining Road, Shanghai, and after intimidating the inmates stole jewellery and clothing valued at \$100. A vicious feature of the robbery was the fact that three fingers were torn from the fingers of one of the female victims.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 2, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareholders' Association.	Estates Broker's Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2
do. London	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Chartered Bank	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
do.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
P. & O. Bank	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Bank of East Asia	84	80	80
Marine Insurance	640	625	630
Canton Insurance	145	130	130
China Underwriters	145	140	140
North China Insurance	295 1/2	295 1/2	295 1/2
Union Insurance	345 M. n.	40 n. [296]	295
Yantai Insurance			
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	617 1/2	615	615
Shipping			
Douglases	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Hongkong Steamboats	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	154	154	154
Indo-China (Pref.)	32	30	30
do. (Def.)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Star Ferries	62	60 1/2	60 1/2
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries			
China Sugars	25 1/2	25	24
Malabon Sugars	36	35	36
Mining			
Benguets	14	14	14
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	127	128	128 1/2
do. (Single)	14	14	14
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2	14	14
Shanghai Loan	10	9	9
Raubes	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Troch. Mines	88 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Ural Caspian	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & R. Wharves	115	110 1/2	110
H.K. & W. Docks	55	49	53
Hongkews	175	175	175
New Engineerings	76.60	64	64
Shanghai Docks	1120	124	123
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	64	64	64
Hongkong Lands	60	58 1/2	60
Hongkong Realty	6.15	6	6
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	15	15	15
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	14	14	14
Cotton Mills			
Ewo Cottons	70 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Oriental	73	24 1/2	24 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	72 1/2	14	14
do. (new)	72 1/2	28	28
Miscellaneous			
Canton Ice	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	11 1/2	10	10
do. (old)	9	8	8
do. (new)	9	2	2
China Buses	0 1/2	0 1/2	0 1/2
China Lights (comb.)	18	17 1/2	17 1/2
do. (old)	14 1/2	13	13
do. (new)	11 1/2	10	10
China Prov.	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Dairy Farms	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Der. A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusements	16	15	15 1/2
H.K. Constructions	134	134	134
Hongkong Electric	61	18 1/2	18 1/2
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	10	10	10
do. (old)	10	10	10
do. (new)	10	10	10
Hongkong Tramways	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Lane, Crawfords	8	7	7
Macao Electric	35	35	35
Mackintosh	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Nanyang Tobaccos			
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	7.60	8	8
Sinceres	9 1/2	9.10	9
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	14	15
Taxis	2	1	1
United Asbestos			
do. (Founders)		600	600
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	18
Watsons	13	13 1/2	13
Wm. Powells	6 1/2	5	5
H.K. Telephones	4	3.80	3 1/2

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 2nd December 1926.

Bank, Wiro.	110-7
On demand	11-10-11
30 days' sight	—
4 months' sight	112-7
Credit, 4 months' sight	111-15
Documentary, 4 months' sight	8-11-15
Credit, 4 months' sight	1180
Credit, 4 months' sight	1440
On Berlin	—
On demand	nom.
On New York	—
On demand	465
Credit, 60 days' sight	477
On Bombay	—
On demand	139
On Calcutta	—
On demand	139
On Singapore	—
On demand	387
On Manila	—
On demand	98
On Shanghai	—
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	—
On demand	94
Overseas (Bank's buying rate)	10-11
Over (Silver)	34-11-18
Over (Silver)	2
Overseas Copper Cash	10
Overseas Copper Cash	0
Overseas Copper Cash	7
Overseas Copper Cash	10

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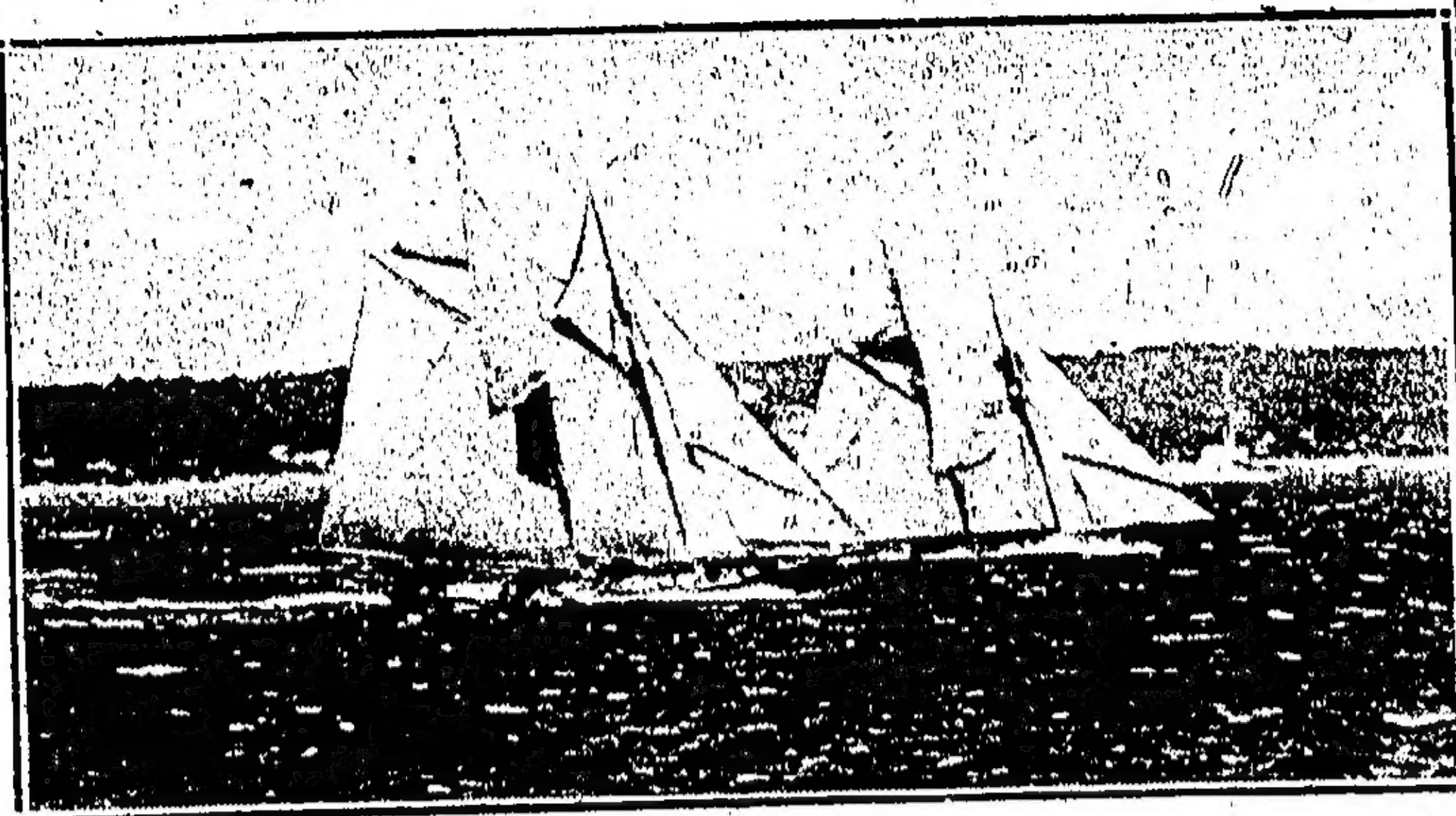
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People and Events in the News of the World



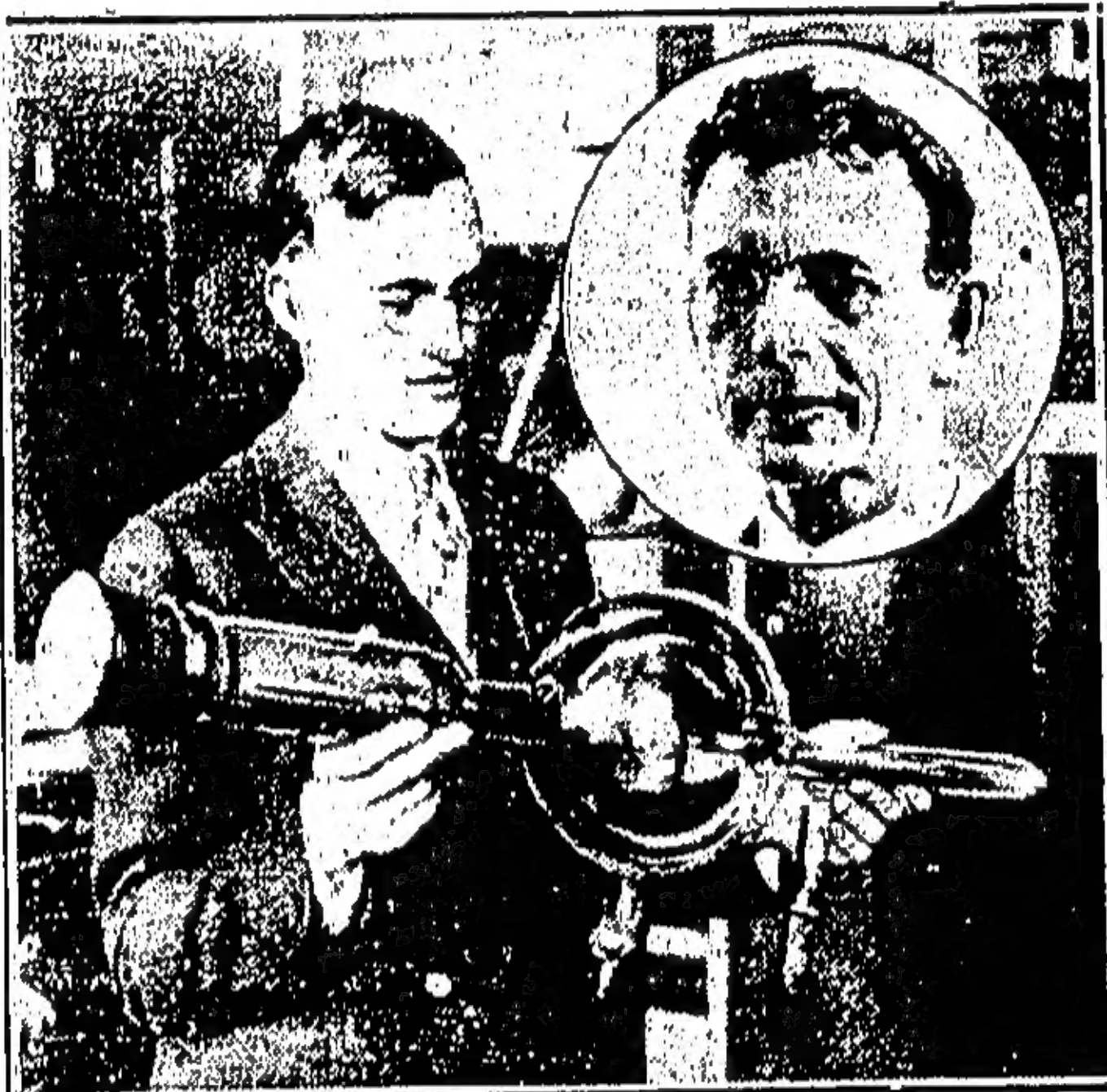
For the death of D. E. Chipp (above), the trial of the Rev. Frank Norris of Fort Worth recently commenced.



This is the start of the first of three races between the fishing boats "Columbia" and "Henry Ford." The Columbia, shown in the lead, finished the forty miles course less than two minutes ahead.



Robert A. Hanger, district attorney, at the trial of Rev. Frank Norris, Fort Worth minister accused of murdering D. E. Chipp, a business man.



An assistant is shown holding the tube, perfected by Dr. W. D. Coolidge (inset), used to generate the cathode ray, the newest marvel of science. The ray, believed to be the forerunner of a military death ray, kills insects, changes colours of minerals, and disintegrates flesh.



Mrs. Lottie Moore Schoenmel on the start of her swim down the Hudson from Albany to New York.



This shows the burial of Colonel A. S. Williams at Arlington Cemetery. Colonel Williams, accused in the Smedley Butler cocktail case, was drowned in San Francisco when his motor ran off a pier.



DORIS KENYON



MILTON SILLS



EUGENE V. DEBS



RABBI STEPHEN WISE

Doris Kenyon and Milton Sills, movie actors, dodged reporters as they made arrangements for their marriage at a camp in the Adirondacks. Eugene Debs, Socialist leader, who recently died. "The Y.M.C.A. shall not become a scab agency," Rabbi Stephen S. Wise told the American Federation of Labour.



Mrs. G. Henry Stetson, of Philadelphia, veteran of twelve playing seasons, who has succeeded Glenna Collett as Women's National Golf Champion.



COUNT SALM



COUNTESS SALM



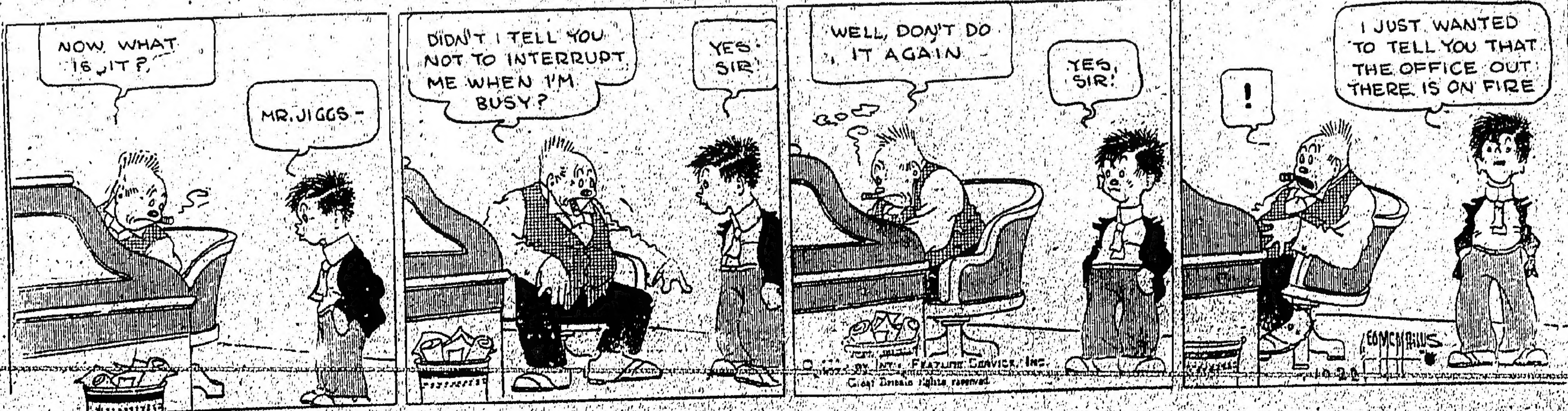
PETER SALM



H. H. ROGERS

Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraeten brought a suit for a separation against his wife, the former Millicent Rogers, Custody of Peter Salm, their child, is an issue. Colonel Henry H. Rogers, the bride's father, brought his wife home three months after the heiress married the impoverished count.

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POSTER ON WALL.

PROPAGANDIST EXPELLED
AFTER JAIL SENTENCE.

Mr. E. Elliott, on behalf of the
Oriental Cotton Mill, Shanghai,
complained to the police on Novem-
ber 21, that a Chinese, 30, and a
boy, 17, had incited persons to
strike and posted notices at the
mill in Yantzeppoo Road liable to
cause a breach of peace. Detective
Sergeant Toller immediately took
action, arrested the men, and the
Chinese "Mutt and Jeff" were
brought before Assessor Hamilton
and Magistrate Loh, at the Mixed
Court.

Mr. E. T. Maitland, appearing
for the police, informed the Court
that the following poster was
placed on the wall in the spinning
room of the mill:

"Labouring friends—At present,
we are again insulted and oppres-
sed by the British and their running
dog—the comprador. One of the
sweeping comrades having neglected
to sweep the cotton wool on the
floor, was assaulted by the for-
eigner, and was again brought to
the office, where he was severely
assaulted by the comprador and
detective. This comrade was then
driven out of the mill by a Russian
watchman and forfeited all pay due
to him.

"We are assaulted or dismissed
by the inhumane capitalists at
their own discretion and moreover,
forfeit our working pay. In this
manner, we are treated like pigs
and dogs.

"Why don't we unite together?
We should adopt the method taken
by the Old Ewo, Hung Fong and
Wei Tung Mills, that is, be un-
animous in forming a strong labour
union with one mind to protect our
treatment and lift up our fellow
men. The last victory will be ours.
The British running dog—Sun
Chuan-fang—is now falling, and we
may take advantage of this change
to rise up and for the Labour Un-
ion to pull down British Imperialism
to pull down the running dogs
and treacherous workmen.

"The employees of the Oriental
Cotton Mill be united! Oriental
Cotton Mill!"

Before going any further Mr.
Maitland drew the attention of the
Court to the evidence, which would
be given by the sweeping comrade,
who in turn said that he was not
assaulted, was not deprived of his
pay, and that he was dismissed be-
cause the manager was dissatisfied
with him. He denied knowing the
first accused.

The first accused was then called
and spoke of being given the posters
for distribution in the mill by a
man unknown to him.

The second accused, however,
testified to the fact that the first
accused ordered him to post the
bill, but to keep quiet about it.

At this stage, Mr. Maitland in-
formed the Court that if the Court
would put the second accused on
personal bond, the mill proprietors
would take him back. As regards
the first accused, he thought, it
would be better, if he were expelled
from the Settlement, "as," added
Mr. Maitland, "it would do more
good than any other sentence. If
the Court would pass a suspended
sentence and expel him it would
bring a still more satisfactory re-
sult."

The Court, after due considera-
tion of the case, ordered the first
accused to go to prison for three
months, and then be expelled for
one year; the second accused being
put on personal bond.—"Shanghai
Mercury."

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR DEC. 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th
Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
December 2	6.47	5.39
" 3	6.48	5.39
" 4	6.48	5.39
" 5	6.49	5.39
" 6	6.50	5.39
" 7	6.50	5.39
" 8	6.51	5.39
" 9	6.51	5.39
" 10	6.52	5.40
" 11	6.53	5.40
" 12	6.53	5.40
" 13	6.54	5.40
" 14	6.54	5.41
" 15	6.55	5.41
" 16	6.55	5.41
" 17	6.56	5.42
" 18	6.57	5.42
" 19	6.57	5.43
" 20	6.58	5.43
" 21	6.58	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.45
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.46
" 26	7.00	5.46
" 27	7.01	5.47
" 28	7.01	5.47
" 29	7.02	5.48
" 30	7.02	5.48
" 31	7.03	5.49

Judge R. Rapex, of the Italian
Consular Court, returned to Shang-
hai on November 21 from Tientsin,
where he had given judgments in
civil and commercial cases.

CHANG'S DREAM.

SUINING'S TWO BRIGHT
LANTERNS.

Chinese from Ningpo and dis-
trict, the birthplace of General
Chang Kai-shek, the Cantonese
leader and inheritor of the man-
tle of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen,
are greatly moved by a pictur-
esque story of the spirit of an
ancient Chinese law-giver who
appeared to General Chang in a
dream and inspired him with such
fervour that the difficulties fac-
ing the Cantonese army in Kiang-
si were overcome.

According to the story, which
has a certain amount of confirma-
tion, the Cantonese leader during
the Kiangsi campaign was very
depressed. Marshal Sun Chuan-
fang's forces were holding him in
check and threatening to break
through his line. At his minute
of greatest danger, he had a
dream in which he saw two bright
lanterns on which were inscribed
the characters of Hsia Ho, famed
law-giver of the Han dynasty,
who received the title of the
"Marquis of Suining" after his
death.

As this sign bore portents of
hope, General Chang persevered
in his campaign inspired by the
symbol, and eventually he cap-
tured Kiukiang, broke Marshal Sun's
line and now the province of
Kiangsi is practically Cantonese,
while Marshal Sun's forces are
defeated and scattered.

Remembering his dream, Gen-
eral Chang is reported to have
telegraphed to his brother at
Fenghua, Chekiang province, in-
structing him to hold four days'
celebration, festivities and the-
atrical performances at Hsiao
Wang temple, to mark his sense
of gratitude to the deity leading
him to success.

Nearly every city in
China has a Hsiao Wang
temple, dedicated to the
Marquis of Suining, and for hun-
dreds of years, criminals about to
be executed and others in dire
distress, seeking guidance and
mercy have repaired to the tem-
ples built in honour of Hsiao Ho,
who was Minister of Justice in
the Han dynasty and whose fame
is lasting in Chinese annals.—
"Shanghai Times."

MIXED COURT.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES IN A
HURRY.

Preparations for handing over
the Mixed Court to the Chinese
authorities are proceeding favour-
ably, according to the Chinese
Press in Shanghai. Dr. V. K.
Ting, Mayor of Greater Shanghai,
has instructed Chen Ding-zai and
Ziar Yung-sung, two officers in
charge of the work, to urge the
foreign members of the committee
to complete their work as soon as
possible.

Zee Vei-tsung, who was ap-
pointed to organise the new
court, is also being urged by the
Chinese authorities to hurry the
work along.



WHEN EVERY NOISE "GETS ON YOUR NERVES."
You Are Nearing The Breaking Point.
And Your Urgent Need Is Tonic Treatment
Through The Blood:

When you have so far lost control of
your nerves that you "fly to pieces"
over the least little noise or excite-
ment; when your memory begins to
play tricks with you and you feel mor-
bid, anxious, depressed, disinclined for
friendly society, are troubled with
sleeplessness, lack appetite, are con-
scious of a general sense of being "out
of sorts," it is high time to bring this
condition of things to a halt if worse is
to be averted.

You have been keeping going on your
nerves alone too long. Your blood has
become so impoverished that it can no
longer supply nerve nourishment suf-
ficient to meet the strain. No doubt if
you look in the glass you will see blood
poverty clearly indicated in drawn
cheeks, unhealthy complexion, sunken
eyes, deepening lines about the mouth
and forehead.

Your urgent need, as all these sym-
ptoms indicate, is tonic treatment for
the blood and nerves, and it is just this

"A BAD MAN."

RELEASES CHINESE EM-
PLOYEES OF A.P.C.

Chungking, Nov. 7.—About
ten days ago the radicals and boy-
cott committee went to Liu
Hsiang, Governor of Szechuan,
asking for money to pay the
strikers. He is reported to have
suggested that they capture some
of the Chinese employees of
British firms and make them pay,
thus "raising the desired" sum.
They did so last week and took
four employees of the Asiatic
Petroleum Co.

The City Protector, Wang
Fang-chow immediately sent an
armed guard and released them.
One of them was a son of the
A.P.C. Comptroller. This so en-
raged the agitators that they im-
mediately started a lecture pro-
gramme telling every one on the
street what a bad man Wang
Fang-chow was, and that he is in
employ of the British. Posters
saying that he is many kinds of
traitor and a scoundrel have been
put up in the city.

Three days' holiday have been
enjoyed so far by the students
and a big parade started yester-
day. It seems that Liu wants to
join the South and of course is
strong with the radicals, and
students. Wang is more conser-
vative and does not want to join
with Chiang and Kuomintang
leaders. Nothing has happened,
but it is said that Wang will have
to give in or lose out as all the
other military leaders are with
Liu. Yan Sen is also reported to
have gone Kuomintang.—"Shang-
hai Times."

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"DANGEROUS MAID" TO-DAY
TILL SATURDAY.

Once a film player becomes
famous in a certain type of char-
acterisation it is a Herculean task
to overcome the reputation ac-
quired if he or she is ambitious
to tackle something new. Espe-
cially is this true of a player who
becomes known as a delineator of
comedy.

This star is "Constance Tal-
madge, whose latest production,
"The Dangerous Maid," will prove
to be the best in which she has
ever appeared.

"The Dangerous Maid" is a
swiftly moving tale of old Eng-
land, with the star in the role of
Barbara Winslow, who glories in
the fact that she is a rebel against
the authority of the king who is
trying to tread the people under
foot. Although a whole regiment
of soldiers is billeted in the vil-
lage in which she lives, they are
not strong enough to curb the
activities of the charming rebel,
who makes a laughing stock of
the officers by outwitting them at
every turn.

Conway Tearle, the heart-
breaker of the screen, is Miss
Talmadge's leading man, and as
Capt. Miles Prothero is an heroic
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mainder of the cast matches up to
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